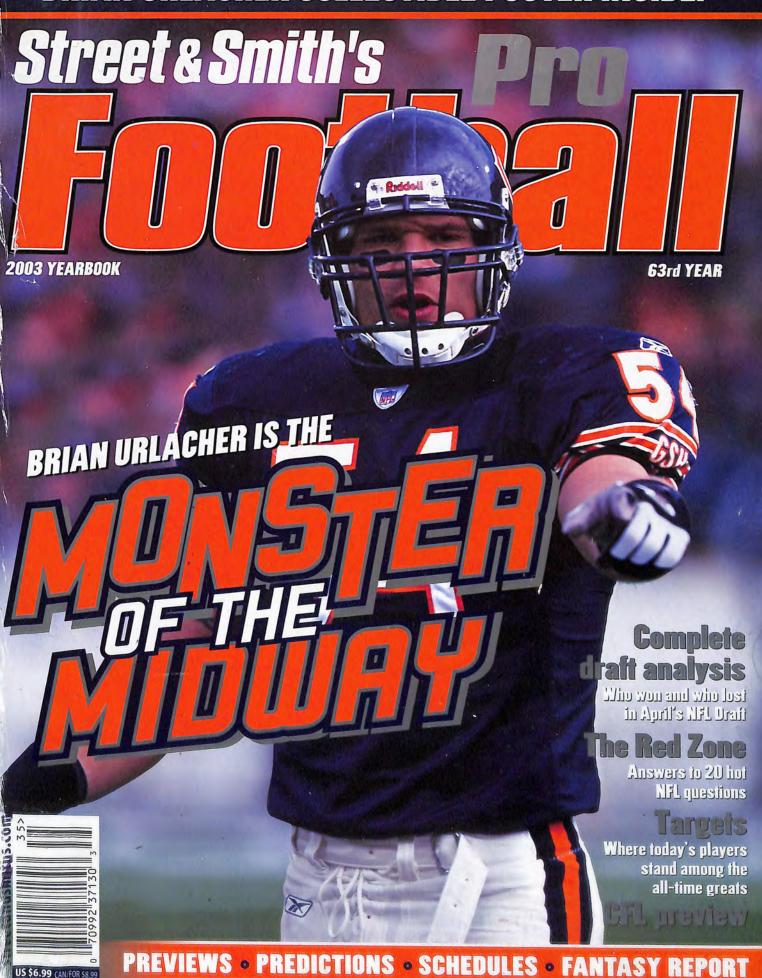
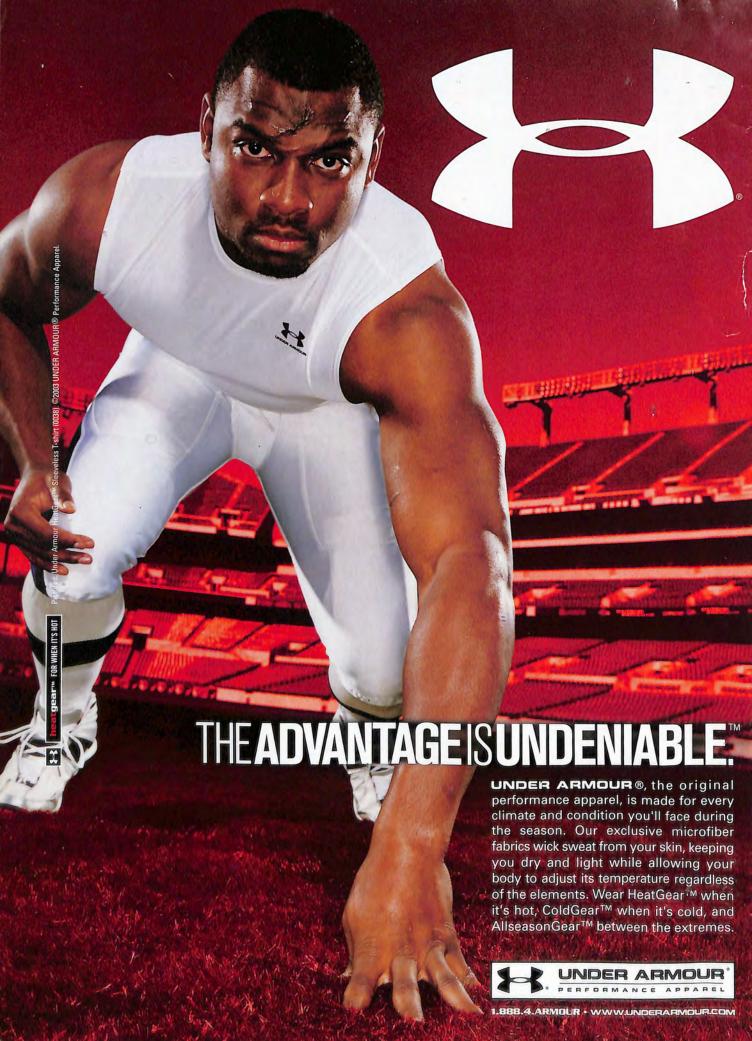
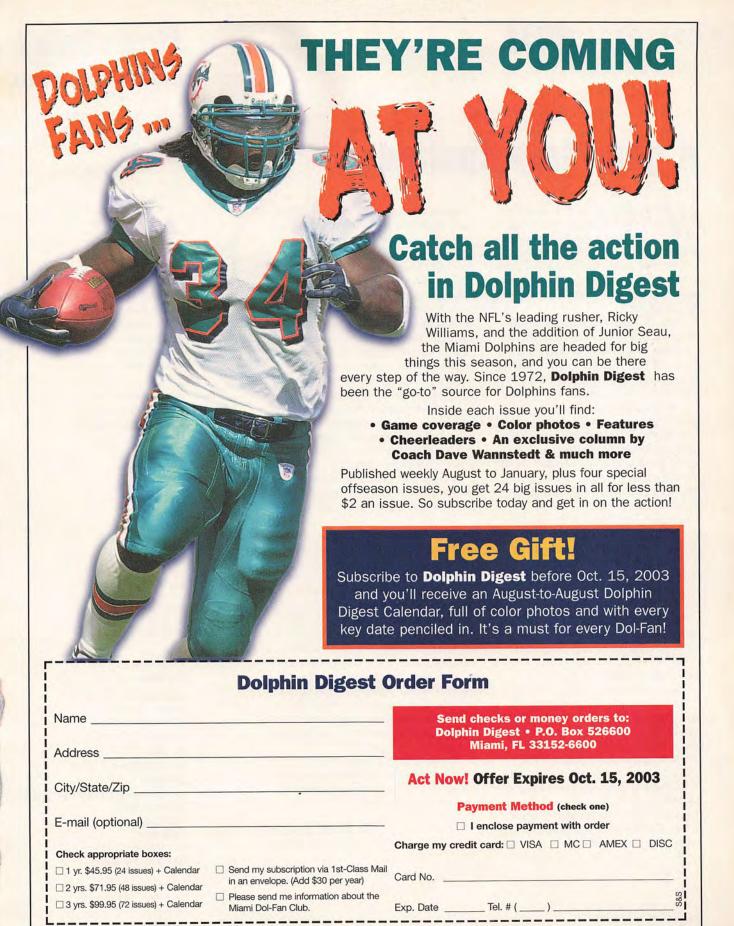
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A good trip spoiled

Who wouldn't want a free, weeklong trip to Hawaii to play in a college football all-star game before dozens of NFL scouts?

A lot more people than you would think. At the Hula Bowl Maui on Feb. 1, it was more than any of the organizers could ever have imagined.

Of the 88 players who accepted invitations to play in the 57-year-old, traditionrich game, only 63 ended up making the trip, leaving the Hula Bowl staff scrambling to find replacements for the 25 no-shows.

Sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association, the Hula Bowl has a list of MVPs that reads like a membership from the Pro Football Hall of Fame: Paul Hornung (1957), Fran Tarkenton (1961), Merlin Olson (1962), Larry Csonka (1968), Jim Plunkett (1971), Tony Dorsett (1977), Billy Sims (1980), Dan Marino (1983), Ricky Williams (1999).

In recent years, however, the names on that list have become a bit more obscure. In 2002, one of the MVPs, quarterback Nick Rolovich from the University of Hawaii, wasn't even drafted. The same goes this year for San Diego State wideout Kassim Osgood.

Why is this happening, you ask? Why are the beaches of Maui and an ensuing free trip to Oahu for the Pro Bowl not attractive to today's college players and future NFL draftees?

One word: agents.

Other than controlled workouts, the agents aren't too crazy about their players actually "playing" much football for the scouts before the NFL Draft anymore. On the advice of those agents, they're bypassing great experiences like the Hula Bowl to stay at home and make sure they don't lose a half-inch off that vertical leap in preparation for the almighty National Scouting Combine the NFL holds each February in Indianapolis.

Agents are even going as far as telling their clients not to run the 40-yard dash at anything other than private workouts on their own college campuses. At this year's Combine, of the 16 running backs who showed up for a Friday workout, only four agreed to run for the scouts.

It's driving the scouts crazy and removing the soul from what used to be a good time had by all seniors in the postseason.

What kind of message does it send to an NFL team when a player who has committed to a game pulls out at the last minute, leaving the organizers hanging—or fails to run the 40 after promising he would? NFL teams are always talking these days about being interested in "character." You wonder what these acts tell them about a prospect's character.

But with the agents around, character takes a back seat to a good vertical leap—and even a free trip to Hawaii can be spoiled.

Welcome to our 2003 Street & Smith's Pro Football yearbook. We're hoping to take you deeper inside the huddle than we ever have, beginning with our off-the-wall, 22-page "Inside the Red Zone" section (page 22) that gives you answers to some commonly and uncommonly asked NFL questions, and ending with revamped team previews (page 44) that will break down each team position-by-position and include in-depth assessments of every franchise's front office, coaching staff and offseason transactions. For extra measure, our experienced NFL beat writers will be handing out grades. And they will be stingy.

Hope you enjoy the magazine and, if you're looking for a supplement, please check out our Web site, www.streetandsmiths.com. We think it's worth a visit.

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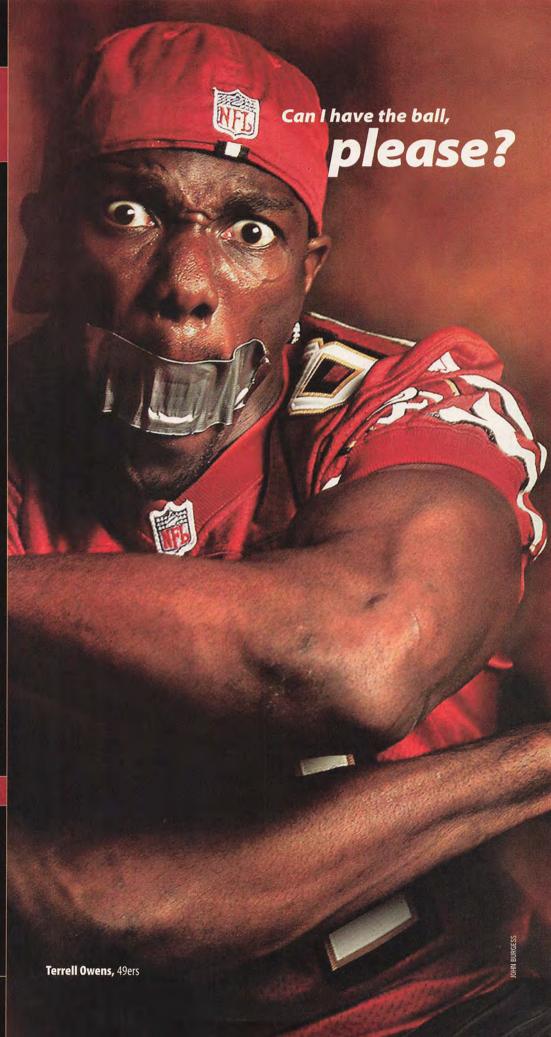
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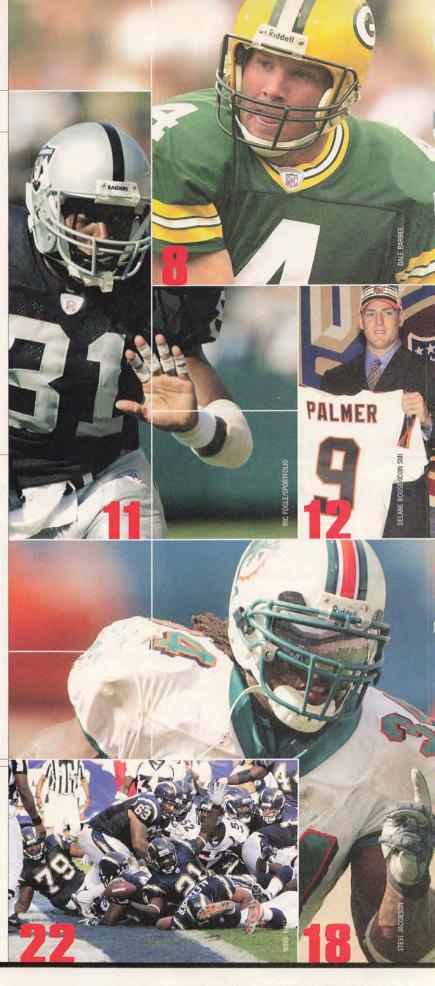
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A15	SAINTS (+2 1/2) DOLPHINS	24-7	W	UPSET!
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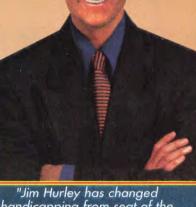
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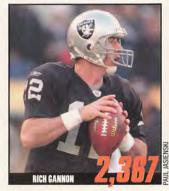
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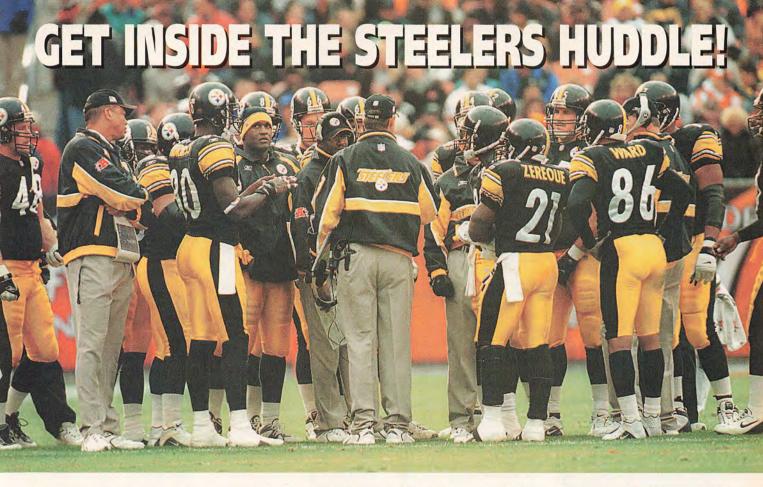
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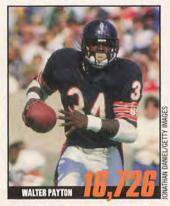
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Jim Brown	.12,312
Marcus Allen	.12,243
Franco Harris	.12,120
Thurman Thomas	.12,074
JEROME BETTIS	.11,542
John Riggins	11,352
O.J. Simpson	.11,236
Ricky Watters	
MARSHALL FAULK	10,395
CURTIS MARTIN	
Ottis Anderson	.10,273
Earl Campbell	9,407
EDDIE GEORGE	8,978
Terry Allen	8,614
Jim Taylor	8,597
Joe Perry	8,378
Earnest Byner	8,261
Herschel Walker	8,225
Roger Craig	8,189
Gerald Riggs	8,188
Larry Csonka	8,081
Freeman McNeil	8,074
James Brooks	7,962
Chris Warren	7,696
Terrell Davis	
COREY DILLON	7,520
Mike Pruitt	7,378
Leroy Kelly	7,274
George Rogers	
GARRISON HEARST	7,117
Rodney Hampton	6,897
Curt Warner	6,844
Robert Smith	
John Henry Johnson	6,803
Wilbert Montgomery	
Chuck Muncie	
Mark van Eeghen	6,651

Lawrence McCutcheon	6,578
Lydell Mitchell	6,534
CHARLIE GARNER	6,433
Wendell Tyler	6,378
Floyd Little	6,323
Don Perkins	6,217
Neal Anderson	6,166
Ken Willard	6,105

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JERRY RICE1,456	;
CRIS CARTER1,101	
TIM BROWN1,018	3
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Art Monk940)
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Henry Ellard814	
LARRY CENTERS808	3
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Michael Irvin750	
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TIM BROWN	14,167
James Lofton	14,004
CRIS CARTER	
Henry Ellard	13,777
Andre Reed	
Steve Largent	13,089
Irving Fryar	12,785
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Paul Warfield	8,565
Billy Howton	8,459
Tommy McDonald	8,410
Wesley Walker	8,306
Carroll Dale	8,277
Ernest Givins	8,215
KEENAN MCCARDELL	8,196
Jeff Graham	8,172
Eric Martin	8,161
Sterling Sharpe	8,134
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Bobby Boyd	57
Mel Blount	57
Everson Walls	
Eugene Robinson	57
Pat Fischer	
Lem Barney	56
Willie Brown	54
DARRELL GREEN	54
Eric Allen	54
Jack Butler	52
Bobby Dillon	52
Jimmy Patton	
Larry Wilson	52
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Donnie Shell	51
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Don Burroughs	
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Ken Houston	
Jake Scott	
Richie Petitbon	
Willie Wood	48
Dave Grayson	
Herb Adderley	
Dave Waymer	48
Deion Sanders	48
Jim Johnson	47
Lemar Parrish	47
Jack Christiansen	46
Dave Whitsell	46
Ed Meador	46
Goose Gonsoulin	46
Mike Haynes	46
Erich Barnes	45
Jim Norton	45
Thom Darden	45
James Hasty	45
TERRELL BUCKLEY	45
RAY BUCHANAN	45

SACKS

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BRUCE SMITH	
Kevin Greene	
Chris Doleman	
Richard Dent	137.5
Lawrence Taylor	
Leslie O'Neal	132.5
JOHN RANDLE	
Rickey Jackson	128.0
Derrick Thomas	
Clyde Simmons	121.5
Sean Jones	113.0
Greg Townsend	109.5
Pat Swilling	107.5
Neil Smith	104.5
TRACE ARMSTRONG	103.0
Jim Jeffcoat	102.5
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Charles Haley	100.5
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Ken Harvey	89.0
Howie Long	84.0
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Lee Williams	
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Karl Mecklenburg	790
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Ray Childress	
Bryce Paup	75.0
KEVIN CARTER	74.5
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TO BE LIKE by Tim Brown (as told to Michael J. Fresina)

s a kid, I didn't look up to athletes as role models or heroes. People playing sports didn't seem that special. Even though it was in the street, at someone's house or in the schoolyard, I played sports. How hard is that? It seemed like fun to me. My fascination with athletes was pretty much limited to the three-anda-half hours of (NFL) game time (on Sundays) that I watched on TV.

My father, brother and minister were my heroes. They all worked hard, kept family first and taught me a great deal about life and how to live it. To me, they did things every day that were much tougher than playing football. They were my inspiration and reason for staying out of trouble and trying to be the best person I could be.

However, growing up in Dallas when I did, I couldn't escape the greatness of the Cowboys and players like Drew Pearson, Tony Hill, Harvey Martin, Preston Pearson and Roger Staubach. By far, though, my favorite Cowboy was Tony Dorsett.

Tony Dorsett was undersized and overworked, but I don't remember him ever being hurt. I knew that week in and week out, he gave everything he had to the team and the people of Dallas. He played hard and got banged around a lot. For three hours every Sunday, he was my guy.

It's funny, when I would get together with my buddies to play ball in the street, I would tell them, "I'm T.D. I'm T.D." My middle initial is "D," so it fit, but also stood for Tony Dorsett and Touchdown.

I got to meet Tony during my second year in the league. I was like a little kid. I had to tell him all my Tony Dorsett stories, get them out of the way, before we could actually talk like two normal adults. He's a great guy, really grounded, and definitely didn't disappoint me that day. His son (Anthony Dorsett, a seven-year NFL veteran safety) has been playing out in Oakland for a few years now, so I get to see him more often. We've even had the chance to

go out to dinner and work together at some charity events. (Anthony was not re-signed by the Raiders for this season.)

As I get older, though, he's still Tony Dorsett, the guy I grew up watching.

Although I have never thought of myself as being qualified to serve as anyone's hero, I know there are people out there who are fans of mine. I try to remember to be a good role model, but being a hero is something I think should be reserved for people who do more than play sports for a living. When people come up to me and want to share all their memories of me and tell me how much they look up to me or ask me about specific things from specific games, I can't help but look at them a little funny. I just don't see myself as a superstar/hero guy.

When I do meet fans, I try to remember what it was like for me to meet Tony Dorsett. Just the other day I met a guy with a huge tattoo of me catching a ball. It begins on his stomach and wraps around to his back. It was a little weird. I mean,

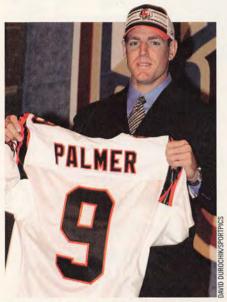
Growing up in Dallas, perennial Raiders All-Pro Tim Brown studied the style of Cowboys Hall-of-Fame running back Tony Dorsett.

Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett (33) eludes Pittsburgh Steelers Tony Dungy (21) defensive back during Super Bowl XIII on Jan. 21, 1979.









With a strong arm that can make all the throws, plus 6-5 size and adequate mobility, Carson Palmer was a slamdunk choice at No. 1 for the Bengals.

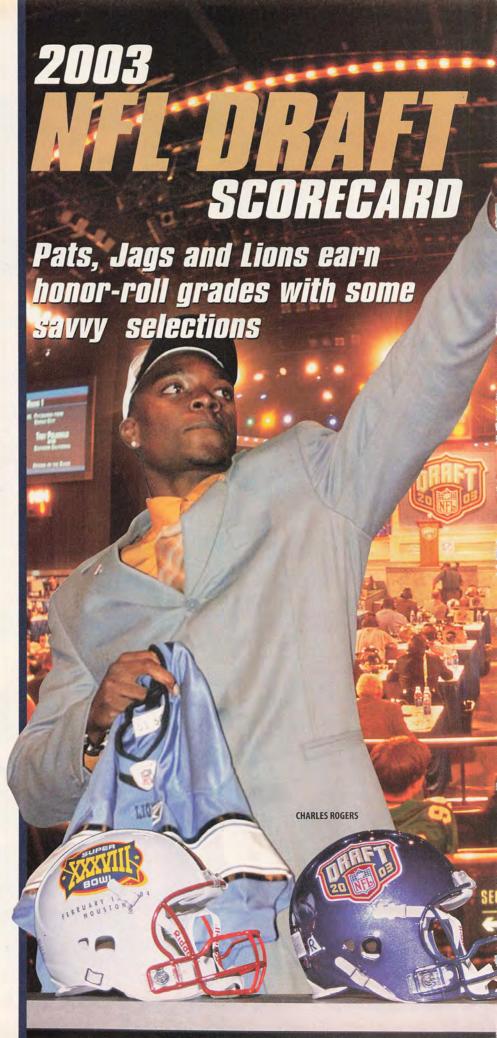
t was a year in which many teams chose to go the safe, conservative route with their choices, opting to steer clear of the type of players with checkered pasts who have burned NFL teams in recent years with their behavior off the field.

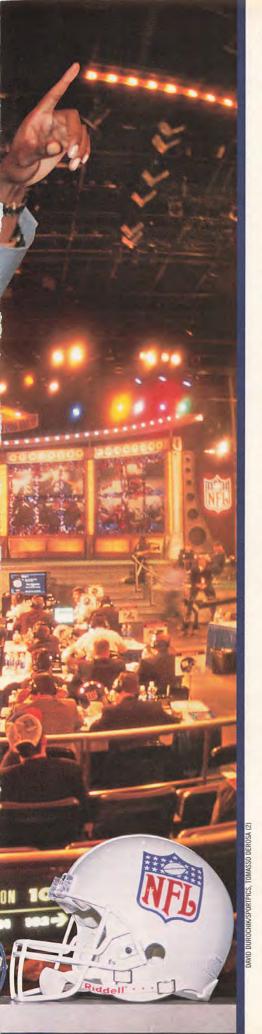
Certainly, the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft was a tribute to talent and character, with the latter seemingly getting just as much consideration as the former. With first-round contracts reaching astronomical sums these days, NFL teams are going the extra mile to make sure they won't be the ones to make a bad investment and draft the "next Lawrence Phillips."

Walking that fine line of character and talent is not easy, but some teams did it better than others this year. Here's a look at the winners and losers:

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AFC EAST

BUFFALO BILLS

In the biggest surprise of the draft, the Bills selected University of Miami RB Willis McGahee. After blowing out his knee in the National Championship Game, McGahee worked extremely hard the last three months to reclaim his spot in the first round. It is doubtful McGahee will play this season, as the team will likely allow him the time needed to fully recover from the major injury. Defensive end Chris Kelsay, LB Angelo Crowell, CB Terrence McGee, WR Sam Aiken and LB Mario Haggan were solid selections who should contribute as rookies. GRADE: C+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	23	McGahee, Willis	RB	6-1	223	Miami (Fla.)
2	48	Kelsay, Chris	DE	6-4	273	Nebraska
3	94	Crowell, Angelo	ILB	6-1	236	Virginia
4	111	McGee, Terrence	CB	5-10	201	Northwestern State
4	127	Aiken, Sam	WR	6-2	209	North Carolina
5	151	Sobieski, Ben	G	6-5	307	lowa
6	187	Sape, Lauvale	DT	6-2	297	Utah
7	228	Haggan, Mario	ILB	6-2	252	Mississippi State

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Miami gave up its No. 1 this year in the Ricky Williams trade and had to wait until the middle of Round Two to make its first selection. Overlooking needs at offensive tackle, safety and wide receiver, the Dolphins surprised by reaching for **Eddie Moore** with several other more highly regarded line-backer prospects still on the board. The Dolphins then reached again for OT **Wade Smith** and OG **Taylor Whitley** in the third, passing on several other more highly rated linemen. Overall, this draft included far too many reaches/projects. **GRADE: C-**

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
2	49	Moore, Eddie	OLB	6-1	237	Tennessee
3	78	Smith, Wade	OT	6-4	296	Memphis
3	87	Whitley, Taylor	G	6-4	321	Texas A&M
5	156	Lee, Donald	TE	6-3	249	Mississippi State
5	169	Tolver, J.R.	WR	6-1	202	San Diego State
6	181	Jenkins, Corey	SS	6-1	220	South Carolina
6	209	Provost, Tim	OT	6-5	301	San Jose State
6	213	Bell, Yeremiah	CB	6-1	191	Eastern Kentucky
7	248	Williams, Davern	DT	6-3	300	Troy State

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

No team was more active than the Patriots during draft weekend. With the first of 10 selections, New England tapped Ty Warren to play nose tackle in the team's new 3-4 defense. Underrated Eugene Wilson will provide quality depth in the secondary. Bethel Johnson has blazing speed, but was a reach in the second. The son of former Jets All-Pro Joe Klecko, Dan Klecko, is an underrated overachiever who could surprise some folks next fall. Defensive back Asante Samuel, C Dan Koppen, QB Kliff Kingsbury and TE Spencer Nead were all solid, second-day selections. The player to keep an eye on is Cal's pass-rush specialist, Tully Banta-Cain, who recorded 22 tackles for loss and 13 sacks in the Pac-10 last season. Also note

that, through their dealing, the Pats have set themselves up next year with eight selections in the first four rounds. GRADE: A

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	13	Warren, Ty	DT	6-5	307	Texas A&M
2	36	Wilson, Eugene	CB	5-10	192	Illinois
2	45	Johnson, Bethel	WR	5-11	201	Texas A&M
4	117	Klecko, Dan	DT	5-11	283	Temple
4	120	Samuel, Asante	CB	5-11	185	Central Florida
5	164	Koppen, Dan	C	6-3	297	Boston College
6	201	Kingsbury, Kliff	QB	6-4	213	Texas Tech
7	234	Nead, Spencer	TE	6-4	259	Brigham Young
7	239	Banta-Cain, Tully	DE	6-2	264	California
7	243	Kelley, Ethan	DT	6-2	304	Baylor

NEW YORK JETS

Before the weekend, the Jets swung a deal with Chicago to put themselves in a position to select one of the most coveted players in this draft, DT **Dewayne Robertson**. After a very modest college career, Robertson shot up the charts following the season with an outstanding individual workout. Robertson is a boom-or-bust selection, though, and it would not be a surprise to see others like Jimmy Kennedy and William Joseph become better pro players.

Four of the remaining six Jet selections came from the Big Ten. Victor Hobson will bring younger legs to an aging group of line-backers. Hobson's Michigan teammate, B.J. Askew, is a FB/HB 'tweener who should develop into a solid replacement for Richie Anderson. Underrated and overachieving Matt Walters is an effort player who should provide quality play off the bench. Considering the team gave up two No. 1s for Robertson, the expectations will be extremely high for the former Kentucky Wildcat. GRADE: C

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	4	Robertson, Dewayne	DT	6-1	317	Kentucky
2	53	Hobson, Victor	OLB	6-1	252	Michigan
3	85	Askew, B.J.	RB	6-2	241	Michigan
5	140	Pagel, Derek	FS	6-1	208	lowa
5	150	Walters, Matthew	DE	6-5	272	Miami (Fla.)
6	200	Bollinger, Brooks	QB	6-1	203	Wisconsin
7	237	Yovanovits, Dave	OT	6-3	294	Temple

AFC NORTH

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Unable to get a trade done with Minnesota before time expired, the Ravens missed the chance to select QB Byron Leftwich. Following a fast-paced flurry of selections in the top half of Round One, Baltimore was excited to have the opportunity to select the draft's premier pass rusher, Terrell Suggs. It will be interesting to see how Suggs fits at linebacker in the Ravens' 3-4 scheme. Still without an answer at quarterback, the Ravens traded their No. 1 next year to the Patriots so they could select Cal's Kyle Boller. Considering the quarterback class next year, this was a steep price for the overrated Boller. Later in the draft, several quality players were added in RB Musa Smith, DT Jarret Johnson, FB Ovie Mughelli,

OT Tony Pashos, S Gerome Sapp, TE Trent Smith and FS Antwoine Sanders. The Ravens failed to address a big need at wide receiver. GRADE: C+



Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	10	Suggs, Terrell	DE	6-3	262	Arizona State
1	19	Boller, Kyle	QB	6-3	234	California
3	77	Smith, Musa	RB	6-1	232	Georgia
4	109	Johnson, Jarret	DT	6-3	284	Alabama
4	134	Mughelli, Ovie	FB	6-1	255	Wake Forest
5	146	Franklin, Aubrayo	DT	6-2	307	Tennessee
5	173	Pashos, Tony	OT	6-6	337	Illinois
6	182	Sapp, Gerome	SS	6-1	216	Notre Dame
7	223	Smith, Trent	TE	6-5	243	Oklahoma
7	250	Mabry, Mike	(6-1	295	Central Florida
7	258	Sanders, Antwoine	FS	6-2	202	Utah

CINCINNATI BENGALS

After months of uncertainty, the Bengals finally signed QB Carson Palmer a few days before the draft. While Palmer is talented. it remains to be seen if he will continue to improve and develop after several inconsistent seasons as an underclassman. Offensive guard Eric Steinbach provided outstanding value at the top of the second round. Injury concerns dropped WR Kelley Washington to the third round, but if he can get medical clearance and stay healthy, this will be one of the steals of this draft. Cornerback Dennis Weathersby is a top talent but dropped a few rounds after being shot in the back in a Los Angeles suburb just days before the draft. Keep an eye on seventh-round DE Elton Patterson, who averaged 78 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and 10 sacks over his last three seasons at Central Florida. This is a boom-or-bust draft that could turn into something very special. GRADE: B-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	1	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	232	Southern California
2	33	Steinbach, Eric	G	6-6	297	lowa
3	65	Washington, Kelley	WR	6-3	223	Tennessee
4	98	Weathersby, Dennis	CB	6-1	204	Oregon State
4	118	Johnson, Jeremi	FB	5-11	260	Western Kentucky
5	136	Abdullah, Khalid	OLB	6-2	227	Mars Hill
6	174	Moore, Langston	DT	6-1	303	South Carolina
7	215	Kooistra, Scott	OT	6-6	316	North Carolina State
7	259	Patterson, Elton	DE	6-2	271	Central Florida

CLEVELAND BROWNS

One of the safest selections of the first round was the Browns' choice of **Jeff Faine**.

The Notre Dame center is a rugged lineman who should be a quality 10-year starter for the Browns. West Texas A&M OLB Chaun Thompson is an athletic sleeper who will need some time to develop. Chris Crocker played safety at Marshall but projects to cornerback in Cleveland. Although both show very good pro potential, there were injury concerns with RB Lee Suggs and DE Antonio Garay that caused them to slide a few rounds. There is plenty of potential and upside here, but just one "sure thing" in Faine. GRADE: B

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	21	Faine, Jeff	C	6-3	303	Notre Dame
2	52	Thompson, Chaun	OLB	6-2	240	West Texas A&M
3	84	Crocker, Chris	FS	6-1	194	Marshall
4	115	Suggs, Lee	RB	6-1	202	Virginia Tech
5	142	Pontbriand, Ryan	C	6-2	250	Rice
5	152	Lehan, Michael	CB	6-1	196	Minnesota
6	195	Garay, Antonio	DE	6-3	295	Boston College

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

After missing out on the opportunity to sign Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson in free agency, Pittsburgh moved up in Round One to be sure they would be able to add the draft's premier safety, Troy Polamalu. Alonzo Jackson played end at Florida State but projects to OLB in the Steelers' 3-4 defense. Boston College QB Brian St. Pierre was added to provide youth and depth behind Tommy Maddox and Charlie Batch. This could turn out to be a one-player (Polamalu) draft. GRADE: C-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	16	Polamalu, Troy	SS	5-10	206	Southern California
2	59	Jackson, Alonzo	DE	6-4	266	Florida State
4	125	Taylor, Ivan	CB	6-1	202	Louisiana-Lafayette
5	163	St. Pierre, Brian	QB	6-3	218	Boston College
7	242	Wall, J.T.	FB	5-11	261	Georgia

AFC SOUTH

HOUSTON TEXANS

In the Texans' second draft, the team continued to build a very competitive roster. David Carr should be smiling from ear to ear with the additions of WR Andre Johnson and TE Ben Joppru in the first two rounds. Antwan Peek is a pass-rush specialist who should fit well into the team's 3-4 defense. Once considered a first-round talent, Louisville OB Dave Ragone slipped to the third and will provide a capable backup behind Carr. Domanick Davis is an underrated, all-purpose RB who also excels in the return game. One of the most intriguing selections was Drew Henson in the sixth. Henson left Michigan following the 2000 season to pursue a baseball career with the New York Yankees. Had Henson, who is currently playing third base at Triple-A, stayed with football, the talented signal-caller just might have been selected No. 1 overall last year, ahead of Carr. The Texans will hold his rights for 12 months. Unfortunately,

Houston was unable to draft a true feature back. GRADE: C+

₹d.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	3	Johnson, Andre	WR	6-2	230	Miami (Fla.)
2	41	Joppru, Ben	TE	6-4	272	Michigan
3	67	Peek, Antwan	OLB	6-3	246	Cincinnati
3	75	Wand, Seth	OT	6-7	321	N.W. Missouri State
3	88	Ragone, Dave	QB	6-4	249	Louisville
4	101	Davis, Domanick	RB	5-9	213	Louisiana State
6	192	Henson, Drew	QB	6-4	223	Michigan
6	214	Wright, Keith	DT	6-1	275	Missouri
7	217	Burns, Curry	SS	6-1	216	Louisville
7	233	Pearce, Chance	C	6-1	246	Texas A&M

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

In a bit of a surprise, the Colts passed on several highly regarded cornerbacks to select TE Dallas Clark in the first round. The secondary eventually received some help with the next two selections in SS Mike Doss and CB Donald Strickland. Doss was a tremendous college player at Ohio State but must improve defending the pass. Depth at linebacker (Robert Mathis and Keyon Whiteside) and offensive line (Steve Sciullo and Makoa Freitas) were addressed on the draft's second day. GRADE: C+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	24	Clark, Dallas	TE	6-3	257	lowa
2	58	Doss, Michael	SS	5-10	207	Ohio State
3	90	Strickland, Donald	CB	5-10	187	Colorado
4	122	Sciullo, Steve	OT	6-5	330	Marshall
5	138	Mathis, Robert	DE	6-1	231	Alabama A&M
5	162	Whiteside, Keyon	ILB	6-1	229	Tennessee
6	198	June, Cato	FS	6-1	218	Michigan
6	208	Freitas, Makoa	OT	6-4	307	Arizona

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

No team benefited more from the Vikings' pass than the Jaguars, who were able to get their man, QB Byron Leftwich, without having to give up any additional draft choices. Although selected several slots later, look for Leftwich to be a better pro than Carson Palmer. Four solid prospects were added behind Leftwich in CB/S Rashean Mathis, OG Vince Manuwai, TE George Wrighster and RB LaBrandon Toefield. Look for all five selections to be strong contributors. An interesting pick was OT Marques Ogden, who was a four-year starter for I-AA Howard and is the younger brother of Ravens All-Pro OT Jonathan Ogden. GRADE: A

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	7	Leftwich, Byron	QB	6-5	241	Marshall
2	39	Mathis, Rashean	FS	6-1	202	Bethune-Cookman
3	72	Manuwai, Vincent	G	6-2	304	Hawaii
4	104	Wrighster, George	TE	6-2	249	Oregon
4	132	Toefield, LaBrandon	RB	5-11	233	Louisiana State
6	176	Green, Brandon	DE	6-2	267	Rice
6	179	Young, David	FS	6-1	211	Georgia Southern
6	193	Ogden, Marques	OT	6-4	317	Howard
7	218	MacKenzie, Malaefou	RB	5-10	233	Southern California

TENNESSEE TITANS

The first two selections for Tennessee, CB Andre Woolfolk and WR Tyrone Calico, are very talented with outstanding upside, but both need a lot of position work and are far from polished. Chris Brown, an extremely productive RB in the Big 12 the last two seasons, is a good between-thetackles runner and should eventually replace Eddie George. The Outland Trophy winner, **Rien Long**, was selected with the Titans' first pick on Day Two and brought exceptional value. Free safety **Donnie Nickey** and OG/OT **Todd Williams** are expected to provide quality depth.

The success of this draft will depend on the coaching and development of Woolfolk and Calico. GRADE: B

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	28	Woolfolk, Andre	CB	6-1	197	Oklahoma
2	60	Calico, Tyrone	WR	6-4	223	Middle Tennessee St.
3	93	Brown, Chris	RB	6-3	220	Colorado
4	126	Long, Rien	DT	6-6	302	Washington State
5	154	Nickey, Donnie	FS	6-2	220	Ohio State
7	225	Williams, Todd	G	6-5	340	Florida State

AFC WEST

DENVER BRONCOS

In a "trend-breaker," Denver invested a first-round selection on an offensive lineman, George Foster. Foster missed time as a senior at Georgia recovering from a preseason auto accident but is an athletic big man with unlimited upside. Terry Pierce was a bit of a surprise in the second round considering linebacker was not a position of urgent need for the Broncos. Undersized RB Quentin Griffin will provide depth as a runner/receiver behind Clinton Portis. The draft's second day produced four defensive linemen (DT Nick Eason, DE Bryant McNeal, DE Aaron Hunt and DE Clint Mitchell). The development of that foursome will ultimately determine the success of this draft. GRADE: C+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	20	Foster, George	OT	6-5	338	Georgia
2	51	Pierce, Terry	ILB	6-1	251	Kansas State
4	108	Griffin, Quentin	RB	5-7	195	Oklahoma
4	114	Eason, Nicholas	DT	6-3	301	Clemson
4	128	McNeal, Bryant	DE	6-4	248	Clemson
5	157	Claxton, Ben	(6-3	301	Mississippi
5	158	Madise, Adrian	WR	5-11	215	Texas Christian
6	194	Hunt, Aaron	DE	6-3	267	Texas Tech
7	227	Mitchell, Clint	DE	6-7	257	Florida
7	235	Galloway, Ahmaad	RB	6-1	223	Alabama

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

It has been quite a while since a highly regarded Penn State running back made the successful transition to the NFL. There are reasons to be concerned about this year's version, Larry Johnson. He has an upright running style, lacks breakaway speed and has just one standout season on his resume (and it did not include top performances against quality competition). With overworked Priest Holmes returning from a late-season hip injury and backup Mike Cloud suspended the first four games of the upcoming season, Johnson was added to provide insurance.

Linebacker **Kawika Mitchell** is a workout warrior, but was a reach in the second round. Defensive back **Julian Battle** and OT Brett Williams were outstanding value picks in the third and fourth rounds, respectively. The team's top priority, a passrushing defensive end, was addressed just once with the selection of Oklahoma's Jimmy Wilkerson in the sixth round. Johnson is the key here. GRADE: C

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	27	Johnson, Larry	RB	6-1	228	Penn State
2	47	Mitchell, Kawika	ILB	6-1	253	South Florida
3	92	Battle, Julian	CB	6-2	205	Tennessee
4	113	Williams, Brett	OT	6-5	321	Florida State
5	153	Black, Jordan	OT	6-6	314	Notre Dame
6	189	Wilkerson, Jimmy	DE	6-3	271	Oklahoma
7	230	Sharpe, Montique	DT	6-2	296	Wake Forest
7	252	Pile, Willie	FS	6-2	206	Virginia Tech

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Oakland has been known to throw a few curveballs on draft day, and this year was no exception. With two selections at the end of Round One, the Raiders picked CB/S Nnamdi Asomugha and DL Tyler Brayton. Asomugha was a mid-round prospect following the college football season, but skyrocketed with an outstanding individual workout. Brayton is an athletic, high-energy player who came on strong as a senior at Colorado. Wide receiver/tight end Teyo Johnson, OLB Sam Williams and OLB/DE Shurron Pierson are intriguing athletes, but all are 'tweener prospects who will need to find their place on the next level.

Keep an eye on RB Justin Fargas and WR Doug Gabriel. While Fargas struggled with injuries as an underclassman at Michigan, he came on strong in his one healthy season at Southern Cal, showing a very physical running style to go along with tremendous 4.35 speed. He turned heads with his Senior Bowl performances. Gabriel averaged an impressive 28.7 yards per catch over his junior and senior seasons, with 1,237 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns last year. GRADE: C+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	31	Asomugha, Nnamdi	CB	6-2	213	California
1	32	Brayton, Tyler	DE	6-6	277	Colorado
2	63	Johnson, Teyo	WR	6-5	247	Stanford
3	83	Williams, Sam	OLB	6-5	244	Fresno State
3	96	Fargas, Justin	RB	6-1	219	Southern California
4	129	Pierson, Shurron	DE	6-2	243	South Florida
5	167	Gabriel, Doug	WR	6-2	213	Central Florida
6	204	Rykert, Dustin	OT	6-6	327	Brigham Young
7	246	Shabazz, Siddeeq	SS	5-11	202	New Mexico State
7	262	Hoag, Ryan	WR	6-2	200	Gustavus Adolphus

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Half of the Chargers' eight selections went towards upgrading a weak pass defense. Cornerback Sammy Davis of Texas A&M was added in with the 30th overall selection to start opposite last year's No. 1 pick, Quentin Jammer. Drayton Florence should provide depth at corner, while Terrance Kiel and Hanik Milligan will compete for the starting strong safety position. Matt Wilhelm improves depth at linebacker. Andrew Pinnock is a

FB/HB 'tweener who brings outstanding value as a seventh-rounder. GRADE: B

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	30	Davis, Sammy	CB	6-1	186	Texas A&M
2	46	Florence, Drayton	CB	6-1	198	Tuskegee
2	62	Kiel, Terrance	FS	5-11	204	Texas A&M
3	80	Van Buren, Courtney	G	6-6	353	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
4	112	Wilhelm, Matt	ILB	6-4	245	Ohio State
5	149	Scifres, Mike	P	6-2	236	Western Illinois
6	188	Milligan, Hanik	FS	6-2	201	Houston
7	229	Pinnock, Andrew	FB	5-10	265	South Carolina

NFC EAST

DALLAS COWBOYS

A solid initial draft for the owner/coach combination of Jerry Jones and Bill Parcells. The draft's premier cover corner. Terence Newman, was added with the fifth overall selection. Center Al Johnson was picked early in the second round and is likely to be a rookie starter. In a bit of a surprise, TE Jason Witten slid to Round Three, but the former Tennessee Volunteer brings outstanding value. Bradie James is a versatile linebacker who provides some much-needed size and depth. Cornerback B.J. Tucker is a tremendous athlete with upside but will need time to develop. The only surprise here is that there were no selections made at running back, where it appears that backup Troy Hambrick will now fill departed legend Emmitt Smith's shoes as the starter. GRADE: B



Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	5	Newman, Terence	CB	5-10	189	Kansas State
2	38	Johnson, Al	E	6-3	305	Wisconsin
3	69	Witten, Jason	TE	6-6	264	Tennessee
4	103	James, Bradie	ILB	6-2	242	Louisiana State
6	178	Tucker, B.J.	CB	5-11	188	Wisconsin
6	186	Smith, Zuriel	WR	5-11	166	Hampton
7	219	Bates, Justin	G	6-4	300	Colorado

NEW YORK GIANTS

After hitting the jackpot last season with University of Miami TE Jeremy Shockey, the G-Men returned to South Florida in Round One this year with the selection of Hurricanes' DT William Joseph. The rest of this draft included several small-college reaches/projects. Troy State DE

Osi Umenyiora recorded an impressive 16 sacks as a senior, but was not worth a second-round pick. Second-day selections to keep an eye on are CB Rod Babers, OL David Diehl and C/OG Wayne Lucier. Not an overly exciting draft, but look for Joseph to be one of the high-impact rookies next season. GRADE: C

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	25	Joseph, William	DT	6-5	308	Miami (Fla.)
2	56	Umenyiora, Osi	DE	6-3	279	Troy State
3	91	Shiancoe, Vishante	TE	6-4	251	Morgan State
4	123	Babers, Roderick	CB	5-9	192	Texas
5	160	Diehl, David	G	6-6	310	Illinois
6	199	Ponder, Willie	WR	6-1	205	S.E. Missouri State
6	207	Walker, Frank	CB	5-11	202	Tuskegee
6	211	Tyree, David	WR	6-1	197	Syracuse
7	240	Drake, Charles	FS	6-1	205	Michigan
7	249	Lucier, Wayne	(6-4	301	Colorado
7	255	Walter, Kevin	WR	6-4	221	Eastern Michigan

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

After losing Hugh Douglas in free agency, and with Derrick Burgess recovering from injury, the Eagles moved up in the first round to obtain DE Jerome McDougle. Philadelphia added TE L.J. Smith and WR Billy McMullen to assist Donovan McNabb later on Day One. The most notable second-day selection was OG Jeremy Bridges, an athletic, four-year starter at Southern Miss. GRADE: B-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	15	McDougle, Jerome	DE	6-2	264	Miami (Fla.)
2	61	Smith, L.J.	TE	6-3	258	Rutgers
3	95	McMullen, Billy	WR	6-4	210	Virginia
4	131	Green, Jamaal	DE	6-2	272	Miami (Fla.)
6	185	Bridges, Jeremy	G	6-4	301	Southern Mississippi
7	244	Lejeune, Norman	SS	6-1	200	Louisiana State

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

After dealing most of their draft choices for proven NFL talent, the Redskins ended up with just three selections. Wideout Taylor Jacobs will be reunited with his former Florida coach, Steve Spurrier, in Washington. Third-rounder Derrick Dockery is an outstanding drive blocker who should eventually develop into a starter at right guard. Seventh-round OB Gibran Hamdan is a 6-6. 240-pound project from Indiana who will likely spend the season on the developmental squad. Offseason acquisitions such as WR Laveranues Coles, RB Trung Canidate, RB Chad Morton, DT Jermaine Haley and S Matt Bowen should also be factored into this grade since draft choices were used to acquire those players. GRADE: B+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School	
2	44	Jacobs, Taylor	WR	6-1	205	Florida	
3	81	Dockery, Derrick	G	6-6	347	Texas	
7	232	Hamdan, Gibran	QB	6-6	240	Indiana	

NFC NORTH

CHICAGO BEARS

After trading down with the Jets, the Bears were able to address multiple needs in Round One. Following the free-agency loss of Rosevelt Colvin, the Bears looked to improve their pass rush with the addition of DE Michael Haynes. After missing big a few years back with Cade McNown, Chicago selected another "quarterback of the future," Rex Grossman, with their second first-round pick, the 22nd overall. This will prove to be an outstanding trade for the Bears.

Defensive back **Charles Tillman** is a sleeper from a low-major school (Louisiana-Lafayette) who will provide versatility and depth in the secondary.

The Chicago Gators? This draft included four prospects (Grossman, FS **Todd Johnson**, D**T Ian Scott** and D**T Tron LaFavor**) from the Florida program. **GRADE: B**

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	14	Haynes, Michael	DE	6-4	281	Penn State
1	22	Grossman, Rex	QB	6-1	217	Florida
2	35	Tillman, Charles	CB	6-1	207	Louisiana-Lafayette
3	68	Briggs, Lance	ILB	6-1	242	Arizona
4	100	Johnson, Todd	FS	6-1	206	Florida
4	116	Scott, lan	DT	6-2	312	Florida
5	139	Wade, Bobby	WR	5-10	193	Arizona
5	143	Gage, Justin	WR	6-4	217	Missouri
5	171	Lafavor, Tron	DT	6-2	290	Florida
6	191	Odom, Joe	OLB	6-1	241	Purdue
6	206	Forsey, Brock	RB	5-11	198	Boise State
7	261	Anderson, Bryan	G	6-4	321	Pittsburgh

DETROIT LIONS

After holding their breath for months hoping he would be available, WR Charles Rogers was a quick selection at No. 2 overall for the Lions. Rogers was clearly the top offensive player in this draft and brings a true game-breaker to the Detroit offense. Athletic Boss Bailey was added early in the second round and should step right in as a starting OLB. Cory Redding was one of the most underrated linemen in this draft and should eventually replace LDE Robert Porcher.

Keep an eye on sixth-round pick **David** "Circus" Kircus, an amazingly productive wideout who was MVP of both the Hula Bowl and Paradise Bowl postseason allstar games. Kircus caught an amazing 35 TDs last season for NCAA Division II champ Grand Valley State.

Overall, the draft was solid from start to finish, including three outstanding selections in the final round (OT Ben Johnson, CB Blue Adams and FB Brandon Drumm). Look for as many as 10 draftees to make the final roster. Rogers is likely to be the high-impact rookie on offense. GRADE: A

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	2	Rogers, Charles	WR	6-2	202	Michigan State
2	34	Bailey, Boss	OLB	6-3	233	Georgia
3	66	Redding, Cory	DE	6-4	279	Texas
4	99	Pinner, Artose	RB	5-10	229	Kentucky
5	137	Holt, Terrence	FS	6-2	208	North Carolina State
5	144	Davis, James	SS	6-1	221	West Virginia
6	175	Kircus, David	WR	6-1	186	Grand Valley State
7	216	Johnson, Ben	OT	6-7	329	Wisconsin
7	220	Adams, Daniel 'Blue'	CB	5-9	182	Cincinnati
7	236	Drumm, Brandon	FB	6-1	233	Colorado
7	260	Anglin, Travis	WR	6-4	192	Memphis

GREEN BAY PACKERS

With the salary cap finally catching up with them and being torn apart by free agency, the Packers looked to address several holes on defense. Nick Barnett will replace last season's leading tackler, Nate Wayne, at weakside linebacker. Defensive end Kenny Peterson was expected to be selected in the late first or early second round, but provided very good value after sliding to the third. Barnett's teammate at Oregon State, DT James Lee, played behind Eric Manning and Dwan Edwards, but brings size, athleticism and unlimited potential. The biggest concern here is that the team was unable to add a quarterback. GRADE: C

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	29	Barnett, Nick	OLB	6-2	236	Oregon State
3	79	Peterson, Kenny	DE	6-3	298	Ohio State
5	147	Lee, James	DT	6-5	327	Oregon State
5	166	Hillenmeyer, Hunter	OLB	6-4	241	Vanderbilt
6	212	Curtin, Brennan	OT	6-9	318	Notre Dame
7	245	Johnson, Chris	CB	6-1	187	Louisville
7	253	Rubin, DeAndrew	WR	5-11	190	South Florida
7	256	Ford, Carl	WR	6-1	174	Toledo
7	257	Josue, Steve	OLB	6-3	235	Carson-Newman

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

For the second year in a row, the clock expired on Minnesota, allowing the team(s) behind the Vikings to step in front of them to make their selection. To Minnesota's credit, it was working to trade down a few slots and had actually agreed to a deal with Baltimore, but the Ravens failed to submit their end of the deal in time, allowing Jacksonville to steal Byron Leftwich. Despite the flurry of activity, the Vikings were still able to get the player they had been targeting in DE Kevin Williams. In Round Two, Minnesota was able to select the best linebacker in this draft, E.J. Henderson of Maryland. At least four of the five remaining selections are expected to make the final roster (WR Nate Burleson, RB Onterrio Smith, P Eddie Johnson and OLB Mike Nattiel). Overall, a solid, low-risk draft of proven performers. GRADE: B+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	9	Williams, Kevin	DE	6-5	304	Oklahoma State
2	40	Henderson, E.J.	ILB	6-1	245	Maryland
3	71	Burleson, Nate	WR	6-1	197	Nevada-Reno
4	105	Smith, Onterrio	RB	5-10	220	Oregon
6	180	Johnson, Eddie	P	6-3	232	Idaho State
6	190	Nattiel, Michael	OLB	6-1	228	Florida
7	221	Howry, Keenan	WR	5-10	178	Oregon

NFC SOUTH

ATLANTA FALCONS

After acquiring WR Peerless Price from the Bills, the Falcons had to wait until Round Two to make their one and only first-day selection, **Bryan Scott**. The Penn State CB/S fills a position of need after the team lost Ashley Ambrose in free agency and has Ray Buchanan coming off a disappointing season. The most notable second-day selection was FB **Justin Griffith**, who should replace last season's

starter, Bob Christian. A disappointing second day gives this the look of a three-player draft. GRADE: C-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
2	55	Scott, Bryan	SS	6-1	219	Penn State
4	121	Griffith, Justin	FB	5-11	232	Mississippi State
5	159	Olinger, Jon	WR	6-3	223	Cincinnati
6	196	Dunbar, LaTarence	WR	5-11	196	Texas Christian
6	202	Bacon, Waine	SS	5-10	191	Alabama
7	238	Veal, Demetrin	DE	6-2	288	Tennessee

CAROLINA PANTHERS

The most non-glamorous selection of Round One was Carolina's choice of OT Jordan Gross. Gross is a can't-miss prospect who fills a position of urgent need. Overall, a solid draft, with all eight selections (including C/OG Bruce Nelson, TE Mike Seidman, CB Ricky Manning, S Colin Branch, DE Kindal Moorehead, WR Walter Young and FB Casey Moore) expected to make the roster this year. Not flashy, but very solid. GRADE: B+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School	
1	8	Gross, Jordan	OT	6-5	300	Utah	
2	50	Nelson, Bruce	(6-5	301	lowa	
3	76	Seidman, Mike	TE	6-4	261	UCLA	
3	82	Manning, Ricky	CB	5-9	185	UCLA	
4	119	Branch, Colin	FS	6-1	203	Stanford	
5	145	Moorehead, Kindal	DE	6-3	285	Alabama	
7	226	Young, Walter	WR	6-6	214	Illinois	
7	247	Moore, Casey	FB	6-2	240	Stanford	

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

In one of the most confusing trades of this draft, the Saints gave up both of their firstround selections to move up to select Georgia DT Johnathan Sullivan. While Sullivan is a quality prospect, the team could have stayed put and selected William Joseph and still had a second No. 1 to upgrade at CB, C, LB, WR or TE. With their second pick, the team stayed with the Georgia connection in OT Jon Stinchcomb. With Wayne Gandy and Victor Riley already set at tackle, look for Stinchcomb to slide inside to left guard. Offensive guard Montrae Holland was a solid value pick in Round Four. Late-round wideouts Talman Gardner and Kareem Kelly are expected to compete for the fourth and fifth receiver spots. GRADE: B-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	6	Sullivan, Johnathan	DT	6-3	313	Georgia
2	37	Stinchcomb, Jon	OT	6-5	302	Georgia
3	86	Grant, Cie	OLB	6-1	228	Ohio State
4	102	Holland, Montrae	G	6-2	333	Florida State
5	155	Williams, Melvin	DE	6-2	269	Kansas State
6	203	Kelly, Kareem	WR	6-1	186	Southern California
7	231	Gardner, Talman	WR	6-1	205	Florida State

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

After sending their No. 1 to Oakland for coach Jon Gruden, Tampa Bay had to wait until the end of Round Two to make its first selection, DE **Dewayne White** of Louisville. The Buccaneers then added a potential quarterback of the future in **Chris Simms**. It should be interesting to watch the competition between Simms and Shaun King for the backup job behind Brad Johnson in preseason. The most

notable second-day selection was CB **Torrie Cox**, an outstanding special-teams performer from Pitt.

Overall, this was a weak draft that did not address the Bucs' need for speed on offense. GRADE: C-

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School	
2	64	White, Dewayne	DE	6-2	273	Louisville	
3	97	Simms, Chris	QB	6-4	220	Texas	
4	130	Nimmo, Lance	OT	6-5	303	West Virginia	
4	133	King, Austin	C	6-4	299	Northwestern	
5	168	Mahan, Sean	G	6-3	301	Notre Dame	
6	205	Cox, Torrie	CB	5-9	181	Pittsburgh	

NFC WEST

ARIZONA CARDINALS

In a bit of a draft-day surprise, the Cardinals passed on DE Terrell Suggs and traded the sixth overall selection for the Saints' two first-round picks. After losing David Boston, Frank Sanders and MarTay Jenkins in free agency, the Cardinals looked to upgrade the wideout position with the additions of Bryant Johnson and Anguan Boldin. Johnson was considered a reach in the first considering that Florida's quicker and more polished receiver, Taylor Jacobs, was still available. Boldin is a developing player who could be special. Defensive end Calvin Pace of Wake Forest was one of the more underrated linemen in this draft and should improve the team's weak pass rush. Linebackers Gerald Hayes and Tony Gilbert and DT Kenny King provide quality depth. This draft includes three or four potential starters. GRADE: B+

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ST. LOUIS RAMS

After missing the opportunity to select CB Marcus Trufant, the Rams added massive DT **Jimmy Kennedy** to help offset the losses of interior linemen Jeff Zgonina and Brian Young. The following rounds saw St. Louis



add several quality prospects at WR (Kevin Curtis and Shaun McDonald),
OLB (Pisa Tinoisamoa and Scott Shanle)
and CB (DeJuan Groce, Kevin Garrett and
Shane Walton). Overall, a solid draft from
top to bottom. GRADE: B+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	12	Kennedy, Jimmy	DT	6-4	322	Penn State
2	43	Tinoisamoa, Pisa	OLB	6-1	231	Hawaii
3	74	Curtis, Kevin	WR	5-11	186	Utah State
4	106	McDonald, Shaun	WR	5-9	169	Arizona State
4	107	Groce, DeJuan	CB	5-10	192	Nebraska
5	148	Curley, Dan	TE	6-4	254	Eastern Washington
5	170	Walton, Shane	CB	5-11	184	Notre Dame
5	172	Garrett, Kevin	CB	5-9	194	Southern Methodist
6	184	Tercero, Scott	G	6-4	303	California
7	251	Shanle, Scott	OLB	6-2	245	Nebraska
7	254	Angulo, Richard	TE	6-8	260	Western New Mexico

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Athletic Kwame Harris can play left or right tackle, but has not played anywhere near his potential to date. Defensive tackle Anthony Adams is a hustle player who gives great effort on every play. Defensive end Andrew Williams is a speed rusher who should ease the loss of Chike Okeafor. Wide receiver Brandon Lloyd and TE Aaron Walker provide reliable options in the passing game. Quarterback Ken Dorsey was a steal in the final round and will be a quality backup. All are solid prospects from major-college programs. GRADE: B+

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School	
1	26	Harris, Kwame	OT	6-7	310	Stanford	
2	57	Adams, Anthony	DT	6-1	299	Penn State	
3	89	Williams, Andrew	DE	6-2	263	Miami (Fla.)	
4	124	Lloyd, Brandon	WR	6-1	184	Illinois	
5	161	Walker, Aaron	TE	6-6	252	Florida	
6	197	Battle, Arnaz	WR	6-1	217	Notre Dame	
7	241	Dorsey, Ken	QB	6-5	208	Miami (Fla.)	

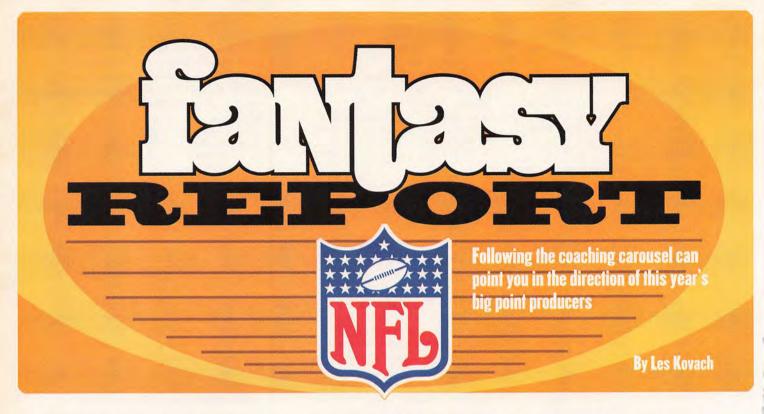
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

In matching up with the Rams and 49ers twice a year, the Seahawks' defense must include three solid cornerbacks. **Marcus Trufant** was clearly the No. 2 corner in the draft and brings a shutdown corner to Ray Rhodes' defense.

Unfortunately, the remaining eight selections do little to excite. Will troubled Arkansas FS Ken Hamlin be able to avoid off-the-field issues? Will former DT Wayne Hunter develop into a starting OT? Will undersized Seneca Wallace be able to play QB in the NFL? Outside of Trufant, this draft has far too many question marks. GRADE: C

Rd.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1	11	Trufant, Marcus	CB	5-11	199	Washington State
2	42	Hamlin, Ken	FS	6-3	209	Arkansas
3	73	Hunter, Wayne	OT	6-6	303	Hawaii
4	110	Wallace, Seneca	QB	5-11	196	Iowa State
4	135	Bates, Solomon	ILB	6-1	243	Arizona State
5	165	Davis, Chris	FB	5-11	235	Syracuse
6	183	Moore, Rashad	DT	6-3	324	Tennessee
7	222	Brown, Josh	K	6-1	202	Nebraska
7	224	Wallace, Taco	WR	6-1	190	Kansas State

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n the National Football League, where Bill Parcells now roams the sidelines for Dallas, his fourth team, and career rushing leader and former Cowboy Emmitt Smith has been exiled to the Arizona desert, change is the only constant. For fantasy football owners, the ever-spinning coaching carousel and frenetic free-agent market often make last year's draft notes useless—unless you take the right notes.

Coaches change teams, not tendencies

Perhaps no offseason move received more attention than Jerry Jones' signing of Parcells, whose history of rebuilding franchises cleared the way for the departure of Smith, even though he typically builds his offense around the running game.

Under Parcells' leadership, Joe Morris scored 21 touchdowns in 1985 and ran for more than 1,500 yards in 1986 while winning Super Bowl XXI with the Giants. Ottis Anderson won Super Bowl XXV MVP honors for New York in 1991. Curtis Martin ran for 1,487 yards and 14 touchdowns as a rookie with New England in 1995. And Martin carried the ball an average of 368 times in '98 and '99 for the Parcells-led Jets.

Although Drew Bledsoe threw the ball more than 600 times in three straight seasons—including the Patriots' Super Bowl run in 1997—under Parcells, a strong running game gives Dallas a better chance to win than Chad Hutchinson or Quincy Carter. Former backup RB Troy Hambrick could be the new workhorse in Dallas.

New Detroit coach Steve Mariucci's West Coast offense in San Francisco ranks third in the NFL since 1997. The 49ers averaged 362 yards and 24 points per game with Mariucci at the helm, ranked first overall in total offense in 1998 and led the league in rushing in '98 and '99—but don't expect any of the Lions' backs to lead the NFL in scoring. Mariucci likes to use running back-by-committee, and he's never had a back rush for more than seven scores in a season—though receiver Terrell Owens was in the top five in TDs twice in Mariucci's system.

Dennis Erickson, Mariucci's replacement in San Francisco, is one of the winningest coaches in college football history, including two national championships at Miami, and as head coach of the Seahawks he produced some impressive offensive numbers. His 1997 Seattle team led the league in passing (275 yards per game) and set franchise records for passing yards (4,187), completions (359) and attempts (609). In 64 games, Erickson's offense in Seattle produced 35 300-yard games, including nine 400-yard performances. Owens, quarterback Jeff Garcia and No. 2 wideout Tai Streets should put up good numbers in his system this season.

The system is the thing

While coaches install their own systems, players often excel only in the right one. A struggling player will often benefit from a

change of scenery, while a former All-Pro—especially one in decline—is less likely to lift a struggling franchise.

Despite being one of the best backs in NFL history, Smith's carries, yards and average have all declined in each of the past four seasons, and his 975 rushing yards last season were the fewest since his rookie year. Don't expect that trend to reverse itself in Arizona, where the Cardinals are perpetually rebuilding and have no proven offensive options other than Smith. On the other hand, quarterback Jake Plummer; who never lived up to expectations in seven seasons in Arizona, should easily surpass his career high of just 18 TD passes in Denver, where he doesn't have to carry the offense alone.

Look on the bright side

The rapid change in the NFL feeds parity in the standings—and uncertainty in a fantasy draft. But it also creates an opportunity for prepared owners: top-quality depth available in the later rounds. With most of the top players unclear at every position, a fantasy owner is just as likely to draft a league's eventual top scorer in the second round as he is with the first overall pick. And former No. 1 picks like Kurt Warner, Marshall Faulk and Edgerrin James are all likely to fall in your draft this year. So follow training camps and the preseason, and trust your instincts. After all, your guess is as good as any.

Les Kovach is managing editor of RAMP magazine.

QUARTERBACKS

16. Jake Plummer

17. Brad Johnson

19. Drew Brees

18. Tommy Maddox

20. Kordell Stewart

21. Patrick Ramsey

22. Matt Hasselbeck

23. Jon Kitna

24. Mark Brunell

25. Joey Harrington

26. Kelly Holcomb

28. Rodney Peete

27. Jay Fiedler

29. Jeff Blake

30. Tim Couch

31. Chad Hutchinson

32. Chris Redman

33. Marc Bulger

34. David Carr

35. Jake Delhomme

37. Mike McMahon

38. Charlie Batch

39. Rob Johnson

40. Doug Flutie

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44. Carson Palmer*

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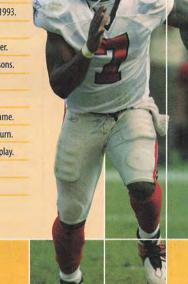
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1. Peyton Manning	IND	His 138 TD passes and more than 20,000 yards lead all quarterbacks over last five years.
2. Donovan McNabb	PHI	Twenty-three touchdowns and more than 2,700 yards passing and rushing in just 10 games last year.
3. Rich Gannon	OAK	Averaged 3,900 yards, 26 touchdowns and just 11 INTs over last four seasons.
4. Jeff Garcia	SF	Ranks second with 84 TDs over last three seasons. Should excel in Erickson's offense.
5. Brett Favre	GB	Fifty-nine TDs in last two years lead NFL. His 3,650 yards passing last year were fewest since 1993.
6. Aaron Brooks	NO	Fifty-three TDs and 7,400 yards in two full seasons as starter. Continues to develop as passer.
7. Michael Vick	ATL	Compiled 3,700 yards and 24 touchdowns passing and rushing in just his first season as starter.
8. Kurt Warner	STL	Make-or-break pick; averaged more than 4,100 yards and almost 33 TDs in last three full seasons.
9. Daunte Culpepper	MIN	Career average of 240 yards passing a game; 18 TDs, 23 INTs, 10 rushing TDs last year.
10. Drew Bledsoe	BUF	Twenty-four TDs and 4,300 yards in '02 topped career full-season averages.
11. Tom Brady	NE	Led the NFL with 28 TD passes but threw just four in last five games. Career average of 1.5/game.
12. Kerry Collins	NYG	His 7,837 passing yards in last two seasons rank third in league. All his offensive weapons return.
13. Trent Green	KC	Ten touchdowns and three interceptions in last six games. Would benefit from improved WR play.
14. Chad Pennington	NYJ	Loss of WR Lavernues Coles will put more pressure on last year's top-rated starter.
15. Steve McNair	TEN	Set career highs in yards (3,387) and touchdowns (22) for second straight year.



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BREAKOUT PLAYERS

Trung Canidate	RB	WAS	Has the skills to excel as starter in Spurrier's offense.
Stacey Mack	RB	HOU	Goal-line stud will have opportunity as full-time starter.
Quincy Morgan	WR	CLE	Led league with 17.2-yard-per-catch average last season.
Kevan Barlow	RB	SF	Poised to take over from Garrison Hearst as team's No.1 back.
Ashley Lelie	WR	DEN	Speedy deep threat will compete with Ed McCaffrey for No. 2 spot.

ROOKIES TO WATCH

Charles Rogers	WR	DET
Andre Johnson	WR	HOU
Bryant Johnson	WR	ARI
Taylor Jacobs	WR	WAS
Carson Palmer	QB	CIN
Larry Johnson	RB	KC
Dallas Clark	TE	IND
Jason Witten	TE	DAL











Ricky Williams	MIA	Second in league with 3,100 yards rushing in last two seasons. Remains Miami's workhorse.
2. LaDainian Tomlinson	SD	Continues to improve. Additions of WR David Boston and FB Lorenzo Neal will open lanes.
3. Priest Holmes	KC	Led league in total yards (4,400) in each of last two years, but injury and contract are concerns.
4. Marshall Faulk	STL	Best player in the NFL running behind the best line will rebound; some durability questions.
5. Shaun Alexander	SEA	Thirty-four total TDs tied for best in NFL over last two seasons. Great size, speed; improving hands
6. Clinton Portis	DEN	Led league as a rookie with 5.5 yards per carry; fourth in total TDs and rushing.
7. Travis Henry	BUF	Eighth in total yards, seventh in TDs, fifth in rushing in '02. Will benefit from FB Sam Gash.
8. Deuce McAllister	NO	Ninth in total yards and fifth in touchdowns in just 15 games in first season as starter.
9. Ahman Green	GB	His 5,300 total yards are second in league over last three years, but showing signs of wear.
10. Tiki Barber	NYG	Has 5,150 all-purpose yards in last three seasons. Main weapon in NY's best offense in years.
11. Edgerrin James	IND	Two years removed from knee injury, should continue to regain top form in top offense.
12. Corey Dillon	CIN	Will miss FB Lorenzo Neal. Averaging more than 320 carries, 1,350 yards, eight TDs in three years.
13. Curtis Martin	NYJ	Eighth straight season with more than 1,450 total yards, but 261 carries were fewest of career.
14. Charlie Garner	OAK	Fifth in total yards with more than 900 rushing and receiving. Tenth in NFL with 91 catches.
15. Eddie George	TEN	Rebounded, but just 3.4 yards/carry in '02. Likely to lose third-down carries this year.
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27. Warrick Dunn	ATL	49. Kevin Faulk	NE
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29. Anthony Thomas	CHI	51. Olandis Gary	BUF
30. Michael Pittman	TB	52. Tony Richardson	KC
31. William Green	CLE	53. Richie Anderson	DAL
32. James Stewart	DET	54. James Mungro	IND
33. Moe Williams	MIN	55. Robert Edwards	MIA
34. Garrison Hearst	SF	56. Elvis Joseph	JAC
35. Mike Alstott	TB	57. William Henderson	GB
36. Jerome Bettis	PIT	58. Fred Beasley	SF
37. T.J. Duckett	ATL	59. Travis Minor	MIA
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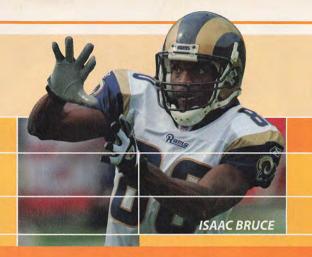
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3. Todd Heap	BAL
4. Bubba Franks	GB
5. Marcus Pollard	IND
6. Shannon Sharpe	DEN
7. Alge Crumpler	ATL
8. Cam Cleeland	STL
9. Kyle Brady	JAC
10. Billy Miller	HOU
11. Stephen Alexander	SD
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13. Frank Wycheck	TEN
14. Chad Lewis	PHI
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1. David Akers	PHI
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3. Sebastian Janikowski	OAK
4. John Carney	NO
5. Mike Vanderjagt	IND
6. Jason Elam	DEN
7. Ryan Longwell	GB
8. Jay Feely	ATL
9. Jeff Wilkins	STL
10. Adam Vinatieri	NE
11. Morten Andersen	KC
12. Olindo Mare	MIA
13. John Hall	WAS
14. Joe Nedney	TEN
15. Rian Lindell	BUF
16. Paul Edinger	CHI
17. Mike Hollis	NYG
18. Doug Brien	NYJ
19. Jeff Reed	PIT
20. Phil Dawson	CLE





WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Marvin Harrison	IND	Top three in catches and receiving TDs in each of last four years. Averaged 100 yards/game last two years.
2. Terrell Owens	SF	Leads all receivers with 42 TDs in last three years; No. 2 with 1,350 yards a season.
3. Randy Moss	MIN	Numbers will be between possession receiver (106 rec./7 TDs in '02) and deep threat (69/17 in '98).
4. Hines Ward	PIT	His 206 receptions are second in the league over the last two seasons. Averaging almost 1,200 yards.
5. Joe Horn	NO	More than 83 catches, 1,265 yards and seven touchdowns in each of last three seasons.
6. Laveranues Coles	WAS	Will top career highs set last year with Jets (89 catches, 1,264 yards, 7 TDs) as No. 1 receiver in Spurrier's offense
7. Eric Moulds	BUF	May not match career highs in catches (100) and TDs (10) set last year with Bledsoe at quarterback.
8. Torry Holt	STL	Set career mark in catches (91) in '02 without offense in top form; at least 1,300 yards for three years.
9. Amani Toomer	NYG	Set career highs in yards (1,343, third in NFL) and catches (82) in '02; at least five TDs for five years.
10. David Boston	SD	Strong, physical receiver has more talent around him than ever before. Will rebound in San Diego.
11. Peerless Price	ATL	May not match career year of 2002 (94 rec., 1,252 yards, 9 TDs), but becomes Vick's No.1 option.
12. Jerry Rice	OAK	Ninety-two catches and 1,211 yards last year were his most since '96. Averaged eight TDs in last two years.
13. Isaac Bruce	STL	Has started every game in four years while averaging 77 catches, 1,200 yards and more than eight TDs.
14. Rod Smith	DEN	Eighty-nine catches, 1,027 yards, five TDs in '02 were least in three years. Must develop rapport with Plummer.
15. Jimmy Smith	JAC	Scored six of seven TDs in 2002 in last nine games. Eighty catches fewest since '98; 1,027 yards fewest since '95.
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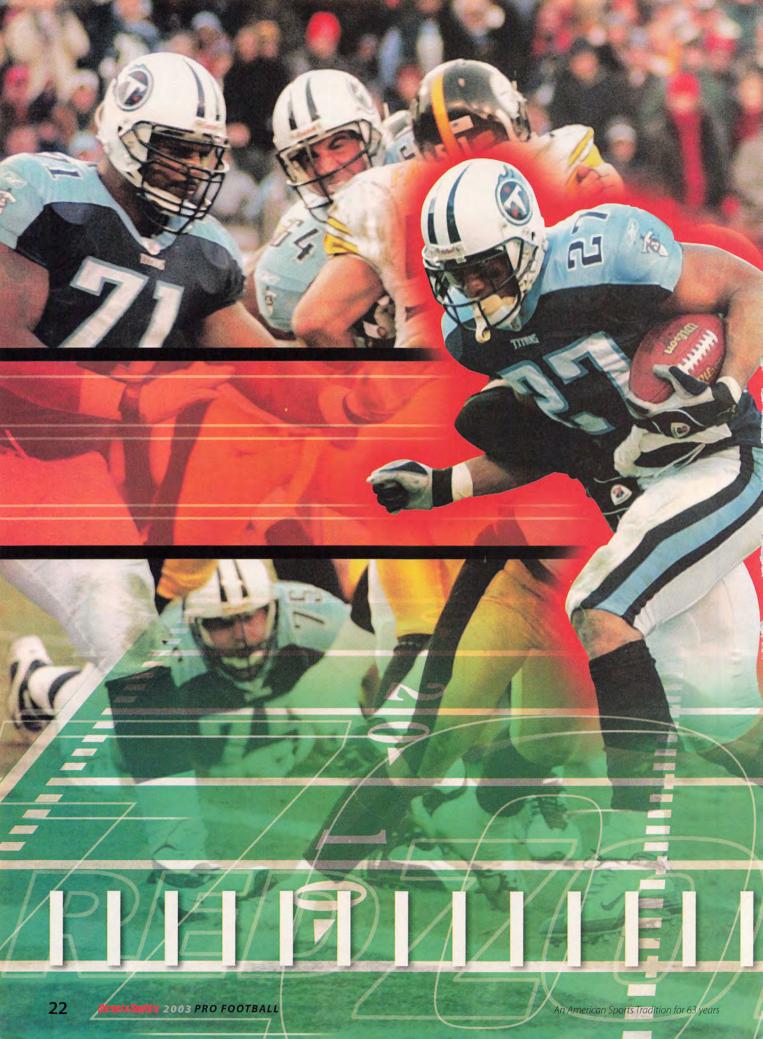
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27. Rod Gardner	WAS	49. Steve Smith	CAR							
28. Terry Glenn	DAL	50. Darrell Jackson	SEA							
29. Ed McCaffrey	DEN	51. Brandon Stokley	IND							
30. Chris Chambers	MIA	52. Brian Finneran	ATL							
31. Kevin Dyson	CAR	53. Joey Galloway	DAL							
32. Quincy Morgan	CLE	54. Eddie Kennison	KC							
33. Wayne Chrebet	NYJ	55. Kevin Johnson	CLE							
34. Josh Reed	BUF	56. Santana Moss	NYJ							
35. Charles Rogers*	DET	57. Derrius Thompson	MIA							
36. Javon Walker	GB	58. Bill Schroeder	DET							
37. Tai Streets	SF	59. Tim Dwight	SD							
38. Ike Hilliard	NYG	60. Dennis Northcutt	CLE							

DEFENSES

1. Buccaneers	17. Jets	
2. Eagles	18. Saints	
3. Steelers	19. Chargers	
4. Ravens	20. Browns	
5. Packers	21. Bears	
6. Falcons	22. 49ers	
7. Titans	23. Rams	
8. Panthers	24. Redskins	
9. Dolphins	25. Broncos	
10. Patriots	26. Chiefs	
11. Bengals	27. Seahawks	
12. Giants	28. Texans	
13. Cowboys	29. Vikings	
14. Bills	30. Jaguars	
15. Colts	31. Lions	
16. Raiders	32. Cardinals	



HUGH DOUGLAS



It's a new NFL season and there are plenty of subplots just waiting to be played out ... INSIDETHE Steve Spurrier and Daniel Snyder are still a couple in Washington. Bill Parcells and Jerry Jones have found one another in Dallas. Steve Mariucci did not leave his heart in San Francisco. Heading into the 2003 season, the NFL again has all the makings of a great soap opera being played out, complete with characters who would rival anything Susan Lucci could come up with on "All My Children." Imagine the possibilities as a sneering Jon Gruden goes for his second straight title while former Oakland boss Al Davis tries to keep the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from "stealing" the Raider logo. It could make for some memorable courtroom scenes in "Chuckie vs. the State of Al's Mind." While we at Street & Smith's aren't above creating a little drama, we know our job is to get you ready for the upcoming season in ways that make you want to sing that old Hank Williams Jr. classic, "Are You Ready for Some Football." With that Bocephus melody in mind, we'd like to take you on a little trip inside the 20-yard line for a look at what we expect on and off the field this NFL season

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-D. Scott Smith

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CAN THE RAIDERS GET BACK TO THE SUPER BOWL?

No.

That Raider logo with the eye-patch could well be Sisyphus, the mythical king forced by Zeus to roll a boulder up a hill. Every time he neared the top, the boulder rolled back down and he had to start over.

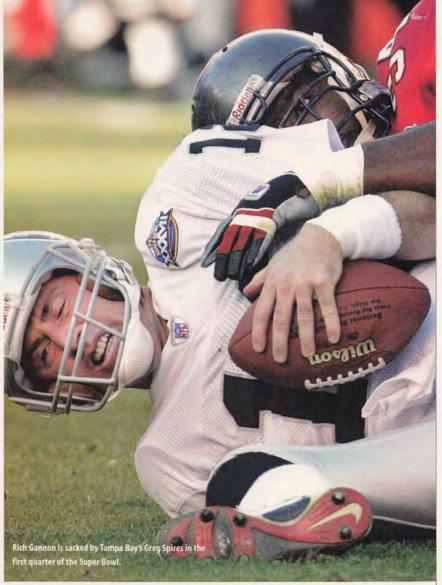
All Super Bowl losers can identify. They invariably find themselves more than one step away. Recent history shows the Raiders not only won't get to this year's Super Bowl, they won't even make the playoffs.

Getting to the Big Show and failing to win it can be more traumatic than not getting there at all. The ramifications seem to reverberate, causing widespread loss of self-esteem. Three of the last four Super Bowl losers—the St. Louis Rams, New York Giants and Atlanta Falcons—had losing seasons the following year.

The Raiders are poised to follow the trend. Built for yesterday with 15 players over age 30, they got their chance and missed. Rookie coach Bill Callahan's remarkable job of replacing Jon Gruden and winning the AFC all went for naught in one ignominious afternoon against Gruden's dominant Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

For weeks, the Raiders were in denial. From post-game interviews on, Callahan and his players preferred to blame their own bad day rather than acknowledge any superiority of speed, talent or strategy by the Bucs.

In one horrible afternoon, quarterback Rich Gannon's magnificent, record-breaking season came crashing down so thoroughly that he found himself unable to let it go long after returning from the Pro Bowl. Upon accepting the Maxwell Club award as Player of the Year, Gannon lamented, "You would trade all those awards to hoist that Super Bowl trophy. We didn't play well



that night. I didn't play well. I made some mistakes and every time a bad play happened, it seemed to snowball. We just couldn't stop it. But you have to learn from it and move on, don't let it beat you down."

It's too late. With six starters over age 35, the Raiders understood going into last year their chances were waning. Precisely because they have been around so long, they understand how prohibitive the odds are. When a young Dan Marino took his Miami Dolphins to the Super Bowl in his second season, he assumed he would be returning many times after his loss to Joe Montana's San Francisco 49ers. The Raiders have no such reservoir of youthful bliss on which to rely.

Six of the first seven Super Bowl losers returned to not only fight again in the Big One but to win it. Since then, only five of the next 29 Super Bowl losers returned and won.

Only one of the last nine losers, New England, has returned at all.

So history suggests the Raiders are history, but that isn't the only thing going against them. Their leading receiver will turn 41. Granted, it's Jerry Rice, but 41 is 41. Gannon was better than ever, but career years don't come along every year. At age 37, Gannon is nearing the quarterback wall of no return.

More than \$40 million over the salary cap shortly before free agency began, the Raiders know they are facing a youth movement. They have a good start with Charles Woodson, Jerry Porter and second-year players Phillip Buchanon, Napoleon Harris, Langston Walker, Kenyon Coleman and Doug Jolley. They also are cashing in on the Gruden deal with extra draft picks this year and next. But this looks more like rebuilding than reloading.

—Don Pierson



WHY HAS IT BECOME SO HARD FOR A SUPER BOWL CHAMP TO REPEAT?

In a word: money.

Because of the salary cap and free agency, it's impossible to maintain a team that's capable of winning four Super Bowls in six years like the 1970s Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, like their recent predecessors, claim 2003 will be different. But the odds are stacked against them. The Bucs became the fourth consecutive first-time champion, and no team has repeated since the 1998 Denver Broncos. Two of the past five Super Bowl champions, Denver and New England, failed to reach the playoffs the next season. Last year, the winners of the five previous Super Bowls did not even reach the postseason.

Not only does the NFL promote parity with its salary cap and revenue-sharing, but it also gives its winning teams the toughest schedules the following season. The Super Bowl champ also has the least hope of reloading through the draft since it receives the last pick in each round. (The Bucs, of course, surrendered their first-round pick in 2003 to the Raiders as part of the ransom to get coach Jon Gruden.)

The Buccaneers already have the most grinding schedule of 2003, with a fifth preseason game against the New York Jets in Tokyo. That means the Bucs will be the first team to report to training camp, a week earlier than normal. Already a favorite among television executives for "Monday Night Football," the Bucs face an even crazier schedule in 2003.

Tampa Bay might not repeat for the simple reason that it has missed its best opportunity. The Bucs have been popular preseason picks to reach the Super Bowl since before the 1999 season, when they lost to the St. Louis Rams in the NFC Championship. The next year, they failed to

fulfill the expectations of many to become the first team to play at home in the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl aside, the Bucs face the daunting task of trying to reach the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season. Since the mid-1990s, only the Minnesota Vikings ('96-2000) and Miami Dolphins ('97-2001) have pulled that off. Neither reached a Super Bowl, let alone won two.

Many a Super Bowl team has unraveled because players got caught up in endorsement opportunities and celebrity, letting offseason conditioning slide. This does not bode well for the Bucs, who even before last season led the league in radio shows, endorsements and national magazine profiles.

But the Buccaneers might be better equipped to repeat than recent champions because longtime General Manager Rich McKay manages the salary cap better than any executive in the league, shrewdly avoiding long-term deals with older players.

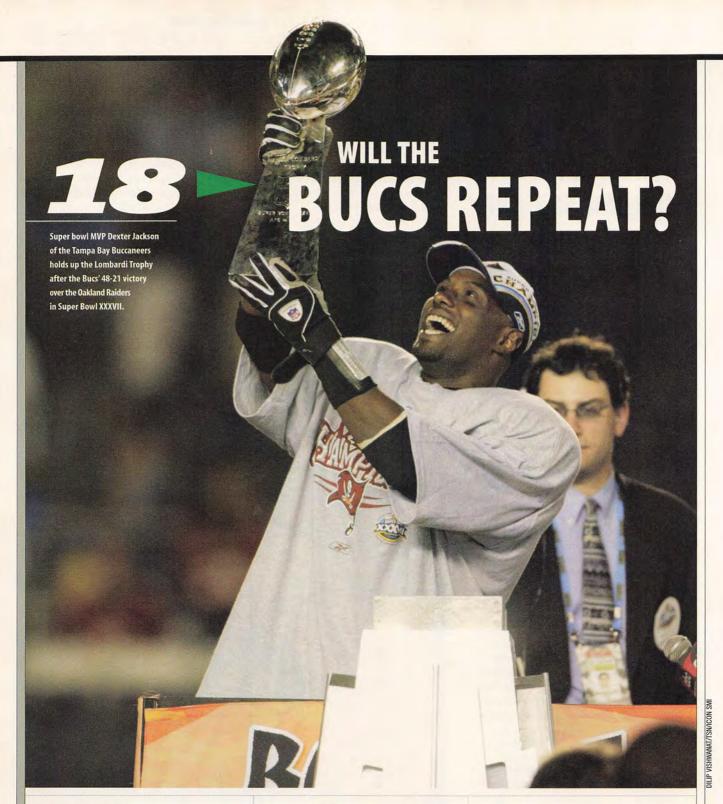
As a result, McKay entered the offseason with wiggle room under the cap and lost only two starters to free agency: line-backer Alshermond Singleton and safety Dexter Jackson, the Super Bowl MVP. Jackson and Singleton signed with Arizona and Dallas, respectively, and could be missed. Then again, the Bucs' defense has an uncanny knack for creating new supporting stars each year.

Not only that, but Gruden will have more time to fully implement his schemes and have another offseason to tweak personnel to fit his philosophies on offense.

"We plan on being world champs again," says Bucs linebacker Derrick Brooks, the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. "I'm sure all teams say that, but we've got the defense and, with our offense getting better, I like our chances against anyone."

-Pete Williams





Yes

The Lombardi Trophy had barely collected the fingerprints of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers when coach Jon Gruden blurted out, "We're going to get a lot better; I can promise you that."

Gruden wasn't boasting; he was only expressing his own surprise at an over-whelming Super Bowl triumph. If he could assemble a reliable offense with so many used parts, just think what he might

accomplish with players he actually preferred.

What would happen if he had time to prepare? During Super Bowl week, Gruden privately wondered whether any of his Bucs could start on offense for his old Oakland Raiders.

Go ahead, line them up head to head. Quarterback? Receivers? Running backs? You understand Gruden's point.

Gruden's vow is reason No. 1 that his Bucs will become the first team to repeat

their Super Bowl title since the 1997-98 Denver Broncos. Gruden knows his offense can do more than merely complement a dominant defense.

Against the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC title game, the Bucs' offense rendered the blitzing Eagles helpless. In the Super Bowl, it was Gruden's offense that turned around field position and then sealed the game with a 77-yard touchdown march just before halftime.

If coordinator Monte Kiffin's defense can operate knowing it can count on a cushion, look out below. This is a defense weaned on the idea that field goals are a luxury. If they wanted touchdowns, they would have to score themselves. They did it three times in the Super Bowl, but the point is, they didn't even need to.

Super Bowl winners have a terrible time hanging on to the pinnacle. In the Bucs' case, they are still climbing. Quarterback Brad Johnson admitted he was just starting to feel comfortable in Gruden's system.

Likewise, Gruden was just getting used to designing plays for a pocket passer.

Gruden wasn't hired until February 19. Running back Michael Pittman didn't arrive until March 25. Receiver Joe Jurevicius came April 9, tight end Ken Dilger April 17, left tackle Roman Oben May 20, receiver Keenan McCardell June 8. Gruden didn't even have the benefit of a cohesive offseason orientation program. Because he couldn't bring assistant coaches with him, he had to spend valuable time coaching his new coaches.

Attitude? It's hard to imagine a franchise as downtrodden as the Bucs once were would suddenly become complacent. If they have any brains at all, they will understand they can separate themselves from the pack of one-year Super Bowl wonders.

Aging? Johnson will be 35 by the start of the season and is hardly worn out after years of underutilization (including his college days at Florida State). Safety John Lynch, the Buccaneer with the most tenure, has been around 11 years but will turn just 32. Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks are only 30, Keyshawn Johnson 31. Simeon Rice is 29. Gruden himself was the youngest head coach to win a Super Bowl and remains the youngest head coach in the league, turning 40 in August. He is hardly burned out or satisfied with his resume, despite his whimsical notion that he would "like to retire, float down the river and listen to Jimmy Buffett."

Salary-cap problems? Under the astute guidance of General Manager Rich McKay, the Bucs anticipate no radical roster surgery like the Baltimore Ravens.

"We have a real humble approach in Tampa," Gruden says. "We feel we've got a lot of areas that we need to improve upon. Every year, you're building your team. We had 26 new players on our team last year. We don't feel like we're complete. We feel we still have a ways to go to reload and get ready to hopefully make a run again next season."

—Don Pierson

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HOW DOMINANT WAS THE BUCS' 2002 POSTSEASON RUN?

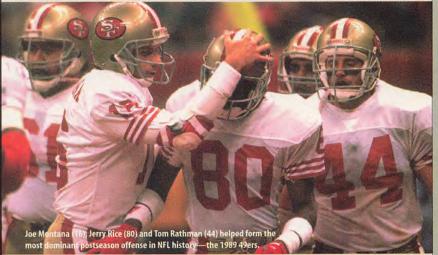
Heading into the 2002 playoffs, there was no question that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers had all of the parts on defense to make a run at the franchise's first NFL title. But many wondered if the team's productive but inconsistent offense could keep pace. A 31-6 drubbing of the 49ers in the divisional playoffs seemed to answer that question. Tampa then hit the road and dominated the Eagles in the NFC Championship Game by a 27-10 count. The Bucs capped their 2002 run with a 48-21 dismantling of the Raiders in the Super Bowl.

By the time the Lombardi Trophy was hoisted, the Bucs' offense and defense had teamed up to outscore postseason foes by a combined 106-37, or an average of 23 points per game. That average margin of victory in the playoffs was one of the largest ever among Super Bowl winners.

Highest average postseason margin of victory, Super Bowl champs

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Champion	Season	Avg. Margin
49ers	1989	33.3
Giants	1986	27.3
Bears	1985	27.0
Raiders	1983	24.3
Buccaneers	2002	23.0
Cowboys	1992	23.0

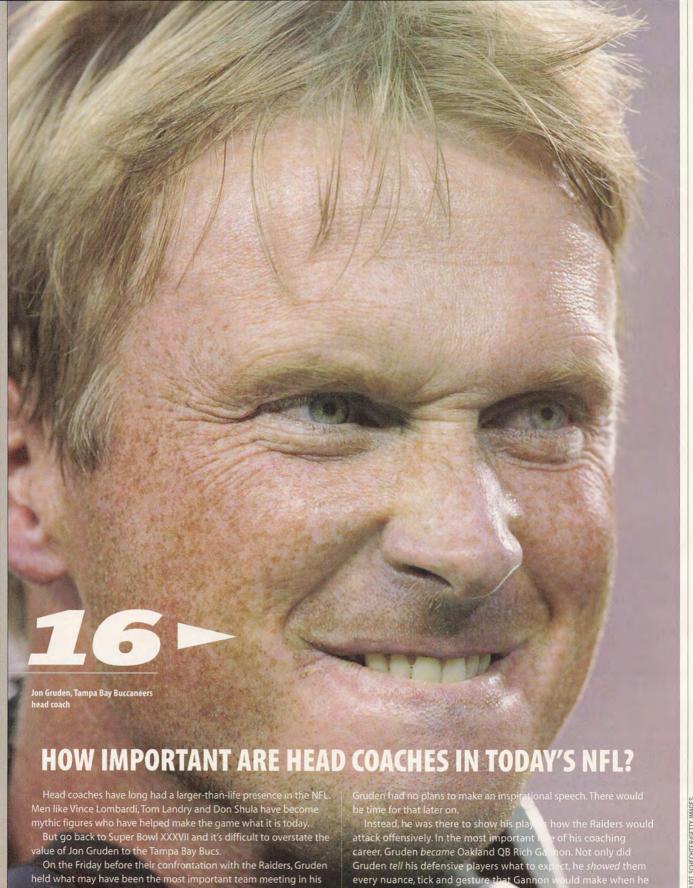


In the end, Tampa Bay's playoff run indeed was very balanced, with five touchdown passes by quarterback Brad Johnson, four rushing scores by running back Mike Alstott and four touchdowns by the defense. Still, the Bucs' average margin of victory fell considerably short of the figure posted by the 1989 49ers, a team that featured Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Roger Craig, Charles Haley and Ronnie Lott. The Niners' playoff run that season featured wins of 41-13 over the Vikings, 30-3 over the Rams and 55-10 over the Broncos in Super Bowl XXIV.

Interestingly, the 1992 Cowboys were the only team on our list to make a return trip to the Super Bowl the following season.

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life. As the Bucs got ready to face his former team for the world title,

Perhaps the most important thing Gruden emphasized was the pump fake. Much like former signal-calling greats Steve Young and Phil Simms, Gannon excelled at pumping one way and throwing the other. More than any single piece of advice, Gruden told his players not to bite when Gannon looked in one direction and pumped his arm.

As Gruden mimicked his former charge, his players got the lesson. They played a very patient defensive game and read Gannon's keys as if they were reading Mother Goose fairy tales to their own children before bed. The Bucs eviscerated the top offense in the game in winning the Super Bowl and Gruden had done more than the usual head-coaching job.

"He showed us everything they were going to do," said Buc safety John Lynch after the game. "It was incredible. He showed us all their tendencies, and they did just what he said they were going to do."

Gruden's role in putting together a game plan and showing the way to stop the opposition in last year's Super Bowl is probably the ultimate in the role coaches can play in determining the outcome of a game or season. But in reality, is too much made of the way the head coach does his job? Is enough credit given to the coordinators? Do the players get enough credit for what happens?

It's easy for the media to focus on the snarling of a Gruden or an Andy Reid roaming the sidelines. But coaches may get far too much credit for the outcome of games.

"There wasn't a time I was out on the field getting my head smacked that any coach ever helped me," says former Bear, Packer and Patriot running back Raymont Harris, who is now a radio analyst in Chicago. "The coach can say anything he wants during the week, but the only things that really helped me prepare for the game came from the coordinator. He might point out a linebacker who dips his shoulder when he tackles or some other flaw, and then it's up to me to expose it.

"But on Sunday, it's only about the players. No coach is helping you get up and get back to the huddle after you've been hammered. You have to do that on your own."

Buc defensive tackle Warren Sapp gave full credit to Gruden after the Super Bowl, but he echoes much of what Harris says.

"The coach is going to help you prepare, but on Sunday it's all about going out there and performing," Sapp says."(Defensive coordinator) Monte Kiffin is going to point out where the doubleteam block is coming, but I'm the one who has to defeat it. The players have to make plays. If you make enough plays all season, you end up getting the ring. The players do that."

Don't try telling any front-office man worth his salt that the coach isn't important. Ernie Accorsi, vice president/general manager of the New York Giants, believes that coaching is more important now than it ever has been thanks to the ever-changing landscape of free agency.

"The head coach was important when Walter Camp invented the sport and he's just as important now as he has ever been," Accorsi says. "Anyone who doesn't think so doesn't really understand the sport.

"I believe that a head coach in football is far more important than a similar position is in any other sport. Your head coach must be your leader and set the tone for the organization. He must be able to game-plan and he must be able to teach.

"The head coach has to get his message and method across even quicker today than in the past because of free agency. You might only have a player for three or four years, and then he's gone. As a result, he has to contribute right away and, if your head coach is not a good teacher, the message won't come across very effectively.

"That's why the head coaches get paid as much as they do. They have an enormous responsibility and the results are there for everyone to see."

Having a great coach may not guarantee a championship, but having a bad one all but assures that there will be no championship hardware handed out at the start of next season.

-Steve Silverman

WAS THERE TRUE NFL PARITY IN 2002?

The concept of parity in the NFL has been talked about for at least a quarter-century. No, the league hasn't yet gotten to the point where every team finishes 8-8, but consider: the last nine Super Bowls have been won by eight different franchises. And since 1995, only two teams—the expansion Houston Texans and, of c Cincinnati Bend to reach the pla

During the 2002 campaign, 15 teams won between seven and nine games; this equaled the most teams in the last 19 years. From 1984 through 2001, only in 1995 did as many as 15 teams fall in that parity range of seven to nine wins. Here's a look at the percentage of teams that have won

xans and, of course, the ncinnati Bengals—have failed reach the playoffs.	between seven and nine games in recent seasons:
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rear(s)	Pct. of Teams with 7-9 Wins
1983-92	33.6
1993-97	43.2
1998	30.0
1999	41.9
2000	29.0
2001	32.3
2002	46.9

Interestingly, the parity levels spiked in the recent expansion years of 1999 and 2002. They also did so in 1995, when Carolina and Jacksonville entered the league. Maybe the key to achieving balance has nothing to do with the schedule. Perhaps the secret is simply the addition of more teams.

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WHAT'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACING THIRD-STRING QUARTERBACKS?

Translating an offense from your mind to your body.

For years, third-string quarterbacks were buried, out of sight and out of mind. They often still are. Nine NFL teams have third-stringers who have never played a single down in the league. But with so many quarterback injuries these days, third-stringers are much closer to the action. Last year, Philadelphia's AJ Feeley and the Rams' Marc Bulger both got extended action, stunning everyone with impressive performances and winning streaks.

"It's a hard deal to be a thirdstring quarterback," says Brad Childress, the Eagles' offensive coordinator, pointing out that even when Donovan McNabb went down last season Feeley got no practice time since the team was so focused on preparing backup Koy Detmer. (His injury opened the door for Feeley.) "It's more than about their numbers or their preseason performance—you can't judge a limited number of reps—it's about a bright light in their eyes. It takes a special guy. You have to have great aptitude and discipline."

Feeley says the third-stringer's job is "all about preparation," yet the clipboard-carriers get very little chance to prepare on the field. In training camp and preseason, the third-stringers take far fewer snaps and, when they do play, it's usually with the third-string offensive unit. As a result, Feeley says his development came mostly from just being around the offense and

studying it. Many third-stringers stay after practice to work on technique or discuss the subtleties of the offensive schemes with assistant coaches.

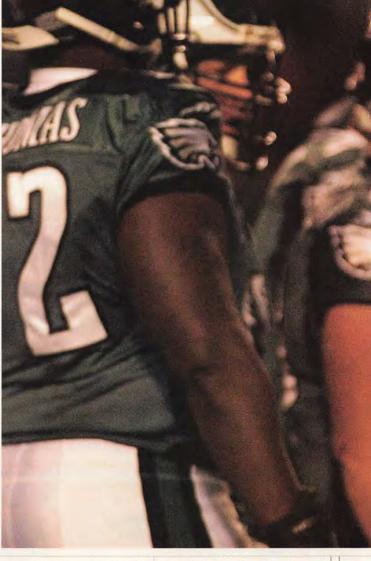
During the regular season these guys rarely touch the ball during practice, so the preseason may be the one chance to make an impression and put everything learned into practice.

"You have to make every rep count, which puts pressure on you each and every day," Feeley says, although he adds that when he was thrust into the spotlight last year that mentality helped him stay calm.

Bulger says that while trying to learn an offense in training camp he had to focus "on (sending) in the plays correctly you concentrate on that, not doing your job."

He got a break when backup Jamie Martin was hurt in preseason and Bulger got to run the offense for much of four games. So when Kurt Warner went down during the season and Martin struggled, Bulger already had the confidence of coach Mike Martz. (By contrast, the Chicago Bears never gave third-string Canadian Football League refugee Henry Burris a chance despite an equally awful start—perhaps because he'd never been able to prove himself.)

The second-biggest challenge for third-string quarterbacks is staying patient—especially after they've succeeded on the field like Bulger and Feeley. Both knew the stars would reclaim their job. In fact, Feeley knows his future isn't with the Eagles.



While most teams pay minimal attention to their third-stringers, some teams, like Green Bay and Philadelphia, look for late draft picks who can be developed and later traded.

"A quarterback, especially one who knows the West Coast offense, is a valuable commodity," Childress says.

"Once you get the taste of playing, you're anxious to get out there again," Feeley admits, but he says he's content to be competing with Detmer for the backup spot this year." I never questioned my ability, but I also knew I was going back to the bench."

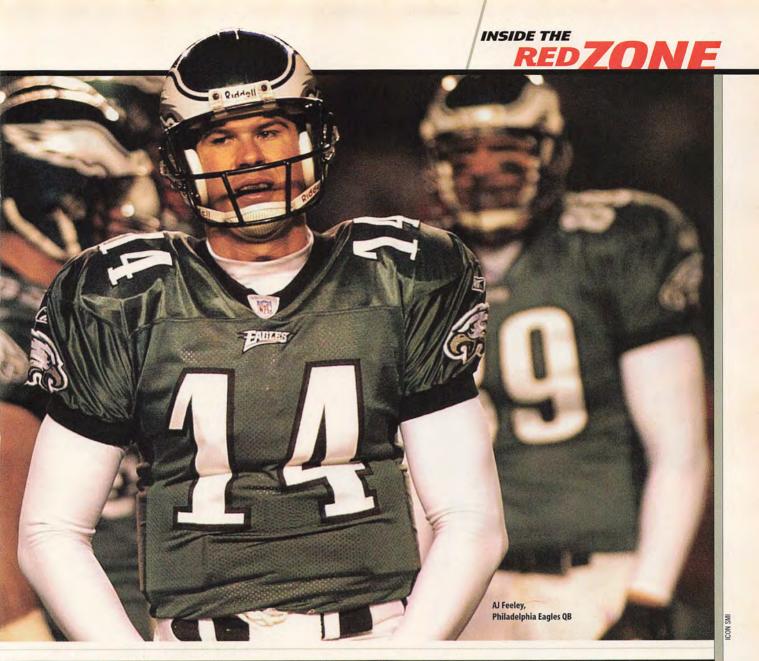
Still, he says, he'd prefer to learn the offense and how to win on a team like the Eagles as opposed to starting for a losing team."I like the situation I'm in," he says. "This is way better then getting thrown into the fire and getting your butt kicked."

Bulger says that being promoted to Warner's backup is definite progress; as the No. 2 he'll get more reps to work on his game and have a greater likelihood for action during the season.

Feeley says when the time to put the clipboard down finally comes, he'll appreciate the starting role more than first-round draft picks. He and Bulger both cite Oakland's Rich Gannon as a role model of someone who took years to develop but is still effective in old age.

"I'm biding my time," Bulger says. "But my time will come."

—Stuart Miller





WHICH TEAMS HAD A FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC IN 2002?

There was something ironic about the way Cleveland's 2002 season ended. The Browns lost their wild-card playoff game when Pittsburgh scored with only 54 seconds remaining. It was payback thrown into the



face of the Browns, a team that had specialized in the late comeback. After all, no team had scored more points in the final minute of regulation last year:

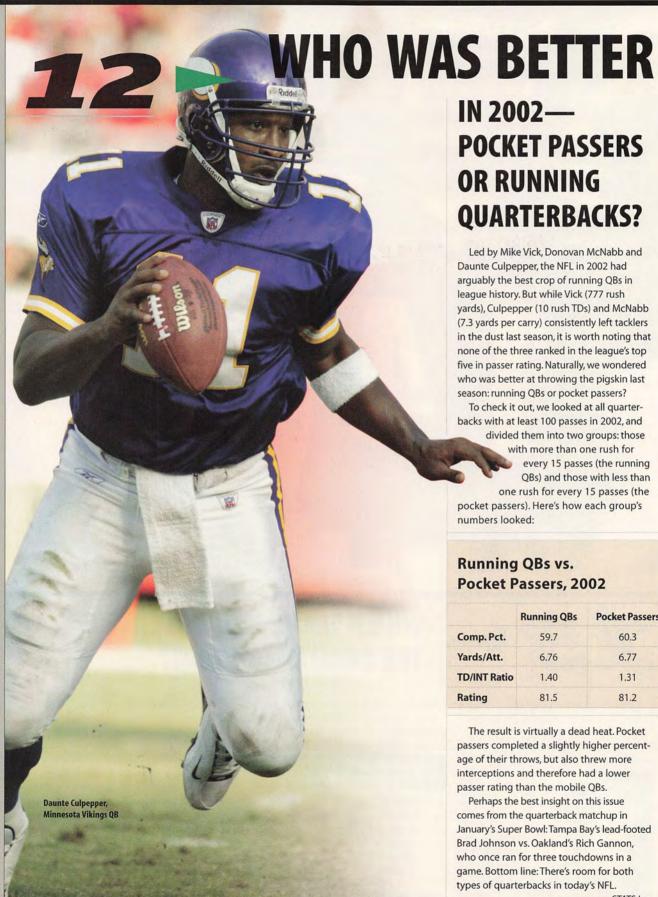
Most points in final minute of fourth quarter, 2002

Browns	30	
Chiefs	24	
Bears	22	
Vikings	21	
Saints	21	
Falcons	20	

NFL Average 10.3

But the Browns didn't just score three times as many points in the final minute of regulation as the average NFL team last season. They also made those points count. On three occasions, Cleveland's late scores either won the game outright, or sent the contest to overtime, where the Browns then pulled out the victory. Two of those thrillers occurred in December, when the Browns were fighting for their postseason lives. While they got a taste of their own medicine in the playoffs, the Browns can properly claim that they were the kings of the late comeback in 2002.

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IN 2002-**POCKET PASSERS OR RUNNING QUARTERBACKS?**

Led by Mike Vick, Donovan McNabb and Daunte Culpepper, the NFL in 2002 had arguably the best crop of running QBs in league history. But while Vick (777 rush yards), Culpepper (10 rush TDs) and McNabb (7.3 yards per carry) consistently left tacklers in the dust last season, it is worth noting that none of the three ranked in the league's top five in passer rating. Naturally, we wondered who was better at throwing the pigskin last season: running QBs or pocket passers? To check it out, we looked at all quarter-

backs with at least 100 passes in 2002, and divided them into two groups: those with more than one rush for every 15 passes (the running QBs) and those with less than one rush for every 15 passes (the pocket passers). Here's how each group's numbers looked:

Running QBs vs. Pocket Passers, 2002

	Running QBs	Pocket Passers
Comp. Pct.	59.7	60.3
Yards/Att.	6.76	6.77
TD/INT Ratio	1.40	1.31
Rating	81.5	81.2

The result is virtually a dead heat. Pocket passers completed a slightly higher percentage of their throws, but also threw more interceptions and therefore had a lower passer rating than the mobile QBs.

Perhaps the best insight on this issue comes from the quarterback matchup in January's Super Bowl: Tampa Bay's lead-footed Brad Johnson vs. Oakland's Rich Gannon, who once ran for three touchdowns in a game. Bottom line: There's room for both types of quarterbacks in today's NFL.

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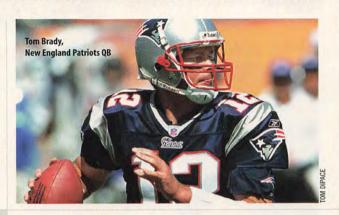
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HOW IS THE PASSING GAME DIFFERENT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE?

In early November in Buffalo, Tom Brady established a Patriots franchise record for completion percentage in a game, connecting on 84.6 percent of his passes (22-for-26) in a rout of the Bills. Eight days later, the Raiders' Rich Gannon set a new *league* record for one game by completing 21 straight passes en route to a 34-of-38 performance in a 34-10 win at Denver on "Monday Night Football."

In the last six seasons, league-wide completion-percentage numbers have risen steadily. Last season, a new record was established, as the NFL combined for a completion percentage just under 60. At the same time, those completions didn't generate many yards, as shown below:



League-wide passing, 2002 (with all-time NFL ranks)

Completion Pct.	59.6	highest
Passer Rating	80.4	highest
TD/INT ratio	1.31	highest
Yards/Completion	11.27	lowest

In short, quarterbacks in 2002 threw short. In his Monday night masterpiece, Gannon's 21 consecutive completions gained a total of only 186 yards, a paltry 8.9 yards per completion. And Oakland receivers gained 53 of those 186 yards after the catch. Gannon's throws traveled an average of just 6.3 yards in the air. Not to belittle Gannon's accomplishment, but, for better or worse, the days of Daryle Lamonica and Ken Stabler throwing deep to Fred Biletnikoff and Cliff Branch certainly weren't revisited by the Raiders of 2002.

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OVER THE LAST
DECADE, WHICH
QBs HAVE LED
THE MOST
GAME-WINNING
DRIVES IN
THE FOURTH
QUARTER AND
OVERTIME?



The Buffalo Bills fashioned a respectable 8-8 record in 2002, but it sure didn't come easily. In half of the team's victories, the winning points were scored in the final four minutes of regulation or in overtime, leaving Buffalo fans' hearts stopping—and leaving us to admire Drew Bledsoe, the quarterback who engineered those four gamewinning drives. Dating back to 1993, Bledsoe leads all quarterbacks in game-winning or game-tying drives in the fourth quarter and OT:

Most game-winning/tying drives in fourth quarter and OT, 1993-2002 (includes postseason)

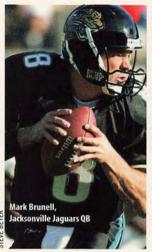
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Jake Plummer		 											. 2	20
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Our criteria for a "game-winning/tying drive" require that the QB completes at least one pass or runs for positive yardage on the drive, and that after the drive, the opponent never reclaims the lead. That last restriction actually hurt Bledsoe last year. In Week Two at Minnesota, he threw a go-ahead TD pass with 3:08 to play, only to see the Vikings reclaim the lead in the last half-minute of regulation. No problem: Bledsoe led the Bills on a field-goal drive that tied the game, then hit Peerless Price for the game-winning TD in overtime. Sorry, Drew, we can only credit you with one game-winning drive in that game.

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WHO ARE THE TOP QUARTERBACK/RECEIVER TANDEMS OF THE PAST DECADE?



Joe Montana to Jerry Rice.
Johnny Unitas to Raymond
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Jim Kelly to Andre Reed. Terry Bradshaw to Lynn Swann. Joe Namath to Don Maynard.

They are among the greatest quarterback/receiver tandems in NFL history, names forever linked by the arc of a football. Most are either in or are headed to the Hall of Fame, thanks in large part to a long and prosperous relationship between pitcher and catcher. Lots of receptions. Lots of yards. Lots of touchdowns. Lots of hardware.

So which current tandems are taking over the reins? Over the

past 10 seasons, the passing duos of Jacksonville's Mark Brunell and Jimmy Smith and Indianapolis' Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison have been tops in the NFL when it comes to lighting up the skies and torching defensive backs throughout the league.

Top quarterback/receiver tandems, 1993-2002

Receptions

567 Mark Brunell to Jimmy Smith

527 Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison

454 Steve Young to Jerry Rice

453 Mark Brunell to Keenan McCardell

442 Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin

Yards

7,867 Mark Brunell to Jimmy Smith

7,059 Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison

6,531 Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin

6,448 Brett Favre to Antonio Freeman

6,214 Steve Young to Jerry Rice

Touchdowns

58 Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison

57 Brett Favre to Antonio Freeman

53 Steve Young to Jerry Rice

47 Jeff Blake to Carl Pickens

45 Drew Bledsoe to Ben Coates



Jerry Rice and Steve Young

Though Brunell and Smith have combined for more receptions and yards than any other twosome over the past 10 seasons, they are tied for just sixth best with 44 touchdowns. Manning and Harrison, on the other hand, have located the end zone once in every 9.1 hookups.

Jimmy Smith, Jacksonville Jagi

Still, the Colts' tandem has a long way to go to reach the all-time touchdown mark by a

quarterback-receiver tandem; it's currently held by Steve Young and Jerry Rice. From 1987 through 1999, Young and Rice found pay dirt 85 times. In this age of free agency and salary-cap restrictions, that total may never be matched, though you can bet the Colts hope they can keep Manning and Harrison around long enough to try.

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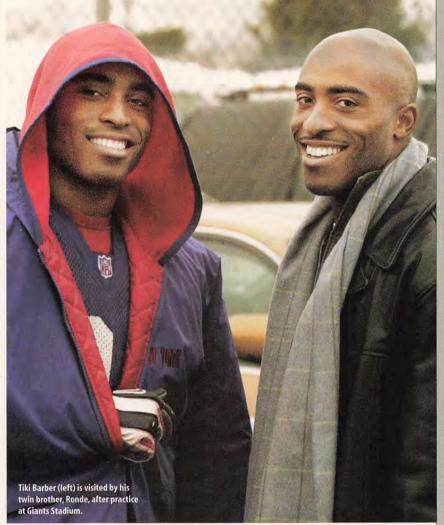
WHO IS THE BIGGER NFL STAR: TIKI OR RONDE BARBER?

Technically, Tiki is bigger, 16 pounds bigger, but even though Tiki plays a more glamorous skill position in the media capital of the world, Ronde could lay equal claim to being a bigger star.

Ronde, of course, is the only Barber with a Super Bowl ring and plays for arguably the most high-profile team in the league, though he seems low-key in a locker room full of shameless attention-seekers. A starting cornerback for the last five seasons on a Tampa Bay Buccaneer defense considered among the best of all time, Ronde is not yet being mentioned with Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks and John Lynch as future Hall-of-Famers. But if Ronde continues to thrive and the Bucs repeat in 2003, the Canton projections could start.

As the clueless clerk from their Visa commercial can tell you, it's tough to tell the 28-year-old identical twins apart. They're handsome, picked together in 2001 among People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" and Sports Illustrated for Women's "Sexiest Male Athletes." They're charismatic, popular among the media and sought-after as radio guests and offseason television broadcasters. And they're hard-working and intelligent, having earned business degrees from the University of Virginia.

They also seem to get overlooked by the Pro Bowl on an annual basis. Ronde, who is seven minutes older, went to Hawaii after the 2001 season but somehow was passed over in 2002, when his teammates thought he had a better year. Tiki, remarkably, has yet to go despite a pair of 1,000-yard seasons for the Giants, including a 2002 campaign in which he nearly combined for 2,000 yards rushing and receiving.



As a running back, Tiki has overshadowed his brother since their college days, when he was an All-American and selected in the second round of the '97 draft. (Ronde was taken a round later.) Tiki rushed for 511 yards as a rookie, while Ronde spent the year on the practice squad.

Both were cast as third-down specialists in their early NFL years: Tiki catching swing passes and Ronde stepping inside over the slot and rushing the passer. Both became all-around players, fending off challenges by touted newcomers such as Giants running back Ron Dayne and the Bucs' Brian Kelly.

Tiki would seem to have an edge over his brother on paper. Through their first seven seasons, Tiki has 33 touchdowns, including seven as a receiver. Last year, he arguably moved past Marshall Faulk to become the NFL's best double threat.

But Ronde, who grew up admiring the Redskins' Darrell Green, has developed a reputation as the best cover corner since Deion Sanders in his prime. Unlike Neon Deion, Ronde also can tackle, playing part of last season with a broken wrist.

As cornerbacks go, Ronde has put up some impressive numbers. In 2000, he recorded 5.5 sacks and scored two touchdowns. The following season he tied for the NFL lead with 10 interceptions. Entering 2003, he has 18 career interceptions, 13.5 sacks and four touchdowns.

Head to head, Ronde's Bucs have won two of three games against the Giants since the Barbers' arrival in the NFL. In the game in which both played a significant role, a 20-3 Tampa Bay victory in 1998, Ronde came up big with his first career interception to help seal the win, while Tiki was held minus-two yards rushing.

Unlike most siblings, the Barbers are not competitive toward each other, except on the rare occasions the Giants and Bucs square off. Each roots passionately for the other to succeed. So who is the bigger NFL star?

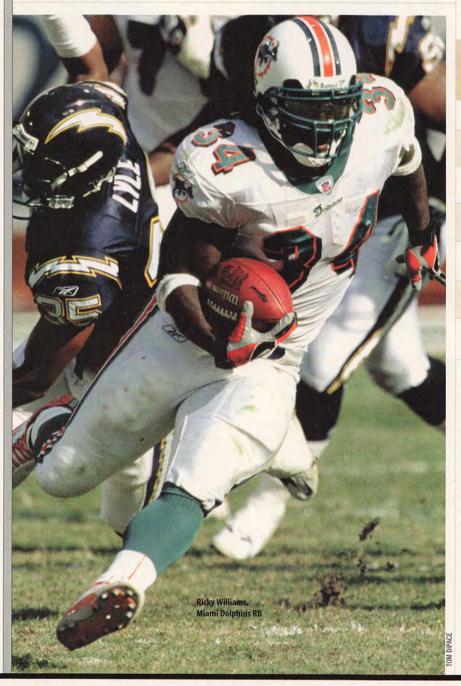
As the clerk in the Visa commercial might say, it's tough to see much difference.

-Pete Williams

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WHERE DOES RICKY WILLIAMS' SEVEN-GAME RUSHING SPURT LAST SEASON RANK ALL TIME?



For a player coming off consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons, Ricky Williams sure seemed to have a lot of questions hanging over his head at the start of the 2002 campaign. Although New Orleans had sacrificed the rest of its draft in order to land him in 1999, the Saints accepted a much smaller package when they shipped Williams to Miami last spring.

But the doubts about Williams surely were laid to rest in the second half of the season. That's when he went on a sevengame rampage that included a pair of 200-yard outbursts and a total of more than 1,000 yards. It was one of the most prolific stretches by a running back since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970.

Most rushing yards over seven-game stretch, 1970-2002

Player	Yards/Span
Walter Payton Oct. 30-Dec. 11, 1977	1,152
Eric Dickerson Nov. 4-Dec. 14, 1984	1,142
Earl Campbell Oct. 12-Nov. 23, 1980	1,136
Barry Sanders Nov. 23, 1997-Sept. 13	1,097 , 1998
Terrell Davis Sept. 13-Nov. 1, 1998	1,075
Ricky Williams Nov. 17-Dec. 29, 2002	1,042

In point of fact, Williams' 1,042 yards wasn't the sixth-highest total over a seven-game period since 1970. Some of the other backs listed posted marks that exceeded 1,042 yards over stretches that overlapped the dates listed. We're only highlighting their best totals.

Nevertheless, it's clear that Williams has joined a rather exclusive group. The other five backs represent some of the best runners in NFL history. Dickerson, Sanders and Davis are three of only four rushers to exceed 2,000 yards in any season. Payton held the career rushing record until Emmitt Smith passed him in 2002. And Campbell is simply a Hall-of-Famer.

So Williams looks like he's reached an elite level. If he can maintain it, any lingering questions about him should fade into a distant memory.

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ARE LONG SNAPPERS FINALLY GETTING SOME RESPECT?

Kids with dreams of football glory rarely picture the job of bending down and looking backwards through their legs.

But the position of long snapper—the player whose rising spiral is critical to successful field goals, extra points and puntsBartrum's and Snow's deals may not sound like much when the average NFL salary exceeds \$1.1 million, long snappers are involved in far fewer plays than other starters.

"We're starting to get amounts that are fairly



JEWELL/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

"Warren Sapp spit on my hand before the snap, but the kick went in."

—Bears long snapper Pat Mannelly

is gaining respect in the National Football League.

Want proof? Look at the contracts long snappers are getting. Philadelphia's Mike Bartrum inked a five-year, \$4 million deal, including a signing bonus just south of \$300,000.

"I didn't expect to get paid this much in a million years," says Bartrum, a nine-year veteran.

In Indianapolis, long snapper Justin Snow procured a fouryear, \$2 million contract extension, complete with a \$250,000 signing bonus. Though

unheard of," says Kevin Gold, an agent who represents only long snappers, including Snow.

In an age of parity, where close games are the norm, the bottom-line importance of long snappers is becoming obvious. Ask the New York Giants and Trey Junkin.

You'll recall that Junkin was called out of retirement by the Giants for their playoff game against San Francisco. After blowing a 24-point lead, the Giants had a chance to win in the final seconds on a field-goal attempt.

That is, until Junkin's snap hit the turf rather than holder Matt Allen's hands, spurring a

memorable free-for-all and a

39-38 New York defeat.

The small number of professional long snappers empathized with Junkin. Says Tampa Bay's Ryan Benjamin of the 20-year veteran: "It's too bad his career will be remembered for that. The best thing to possibly be in this position is anonymous."

NFL teams are devoting more full-time jobs to firing snaps. Gold estimates 24 teams-75 percent of the league—hire someone to wing the ball to field-goal holders and punters and do nothing else, a number unheard of as recently as five years ago. For the first time, franchises are drafting long snappers, most often in the late rounds.

"The teams that don't emphasize it (the position), you can see the problems they have," says five-year NFL long snapper Pat Mannelly of the Chicago Bears, pointing to the Giants as an example.

Though publicity is the bane of the long snapper's existence, some are starting to spread the word about the position on the Internet. Mannelly introduced a Web site devoted to the genre, www.longsnapper.com, in 2001.

"They showed you how to shoot a gun or a free throw on the web, but there was nothing on long snapping," says the 6-foot-5, 269-pound Duke alum, who answers e-mails sent to the site.

Gold came up with a similar idea. The agent has unveiled www.longsnap.com, a comprehensive site that lists a slew of information about each long snapper in the NFL.

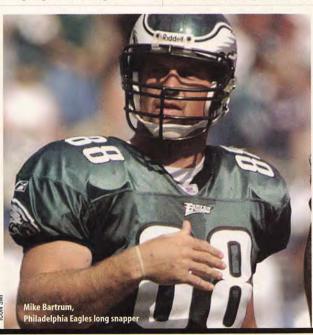
Despite the Web addresses, the term "long snapper" can be a bit of a misnomer. Their job includes blocking oversized defensive linemen while bent in a precarious position, running down the field to make tackles-and dealing with unpredictable behavior.

During Mannelly's second year in the league, he prepared to snap for a field-goal attempt against Tampa Bay.

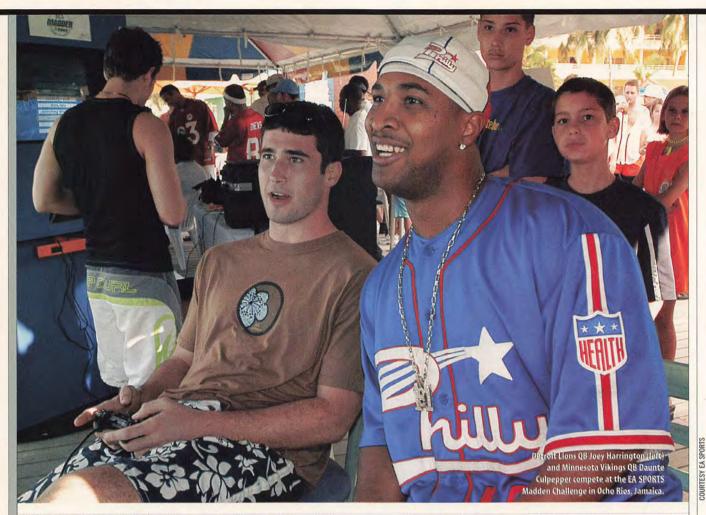
"Warren Sapp spit on my hand before the snap," he says. "But the kick went in."

-David Sweet











WHAT DO MOST NFL PLAYERS DO ON THEIR OFF-DAYS?

Play football.

Video football, that is. And, to be specific, EA Sports' Madden NFL, which is not only the best-selling video football game across America, but the only one the pros consider worth playing. And playing. And playing.

"I play every day if I can," says Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper. "I play as much as I can."

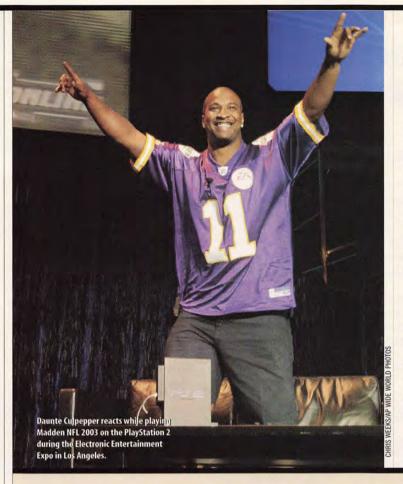
"We play a lot," says Marcus Stroud, defensive tackle for the Jacksonville Jaguars, a team with close to 20 video-game addicts who conduct their own tournament each season. (Some teams, like the Philadelphia Eagles, don't allow game consoles in the player lounges to avoid distractions.)

There's even a Madden Super Bowl Tournament at the Super Bowl each year. Indianapolis Colt defensive tackle Dwight Freeney bested New Orleans Saint Sammy Knight 10-0 in this year's championship game. "Some guys read books to relax, some guys listen to classical music, but I play Madden football," says Freeney.

But while Freeney says "all your problems slip away" while playing, these players are just as competitive on the screen as they are on the field. "I'm trying to kill you," he says, adding that if you lose in the locker room you'll hear it every time you slip up on the real field.

Culpepper, who has been playing the game since high school, says the first time he saw himself on screen was "strange." Like other players, he praises the game as extraordinarily accurate—when it comes to the other players.





"They could have made me a little faster," Culpepper complains.

"I know I'm much quicker then that," Stroud says.
"I'm not that slow," Freeney declares. "They made me slower than guys on my team I know I'm faster than."

Culpepper always plays Madden as the Vikings, saying, "I just have confidence in myself." But Freeney usually plays as the Giants or Jets—teams he grew up rooting for in Connecticut—and some players ditch their real team for their arch rivals if they think it'll give them a video edge. (Freeney recently played as the Colts and was surprised to catch himself screaming at the "video" Freeney.)

Playing the game is not just fun, it's an education. Some players even develop their own playbooks. Culpepper says "you have to be the coach and run the offense and defense, so it helps your overall thinking about football."

Jaguars running back Fred Taylor has even gone as far as saying he's learned more from playing Madden than real football. "It wasn't until I started playing that game that I started understanding certain (defensive) coverages," he says.

But while Stroud says Madden football has taught him to appreciate the value of a good offensive line and to respect quarterbacks for trying to accomplish so much in so little time before the pass rush arrives, it hasn't made him take it easier on real-life quarterbacks.

"Not at all," he says, laughing. "In fact, knowing what they're going through makes me try to get there quicker."

-Stuart Miller



WILL THE MAKER OF NFL BLITZ PLAY BALL WITH THE NFL?

"No comment" is all Midway Games Inc. will offer when asked whether it will change the formula for NFL Blitz, an over-the-top video game that blends the sensibilities of football with violent games like the Chicago-based company's Mortal Kombat.

But an answer really isn't necessary. The NFL's "request" for a toning-down doesn't leave much room for choice.

Controversy erupted last season when players complained about the league's huge fines for late hits and helmet-to-helmet shots that put a player's safety on the line. Dallas Cowboys safety Darren Woodson was fined \$75,000 after a helmet-to-helmet hit that gave Seattle Seahawk receiver Darrell Jackson seizures. Two safeties, Denver's Kenoy Kennedy and Philadelphia's Brian Dawkins, were also fined substantial amounts. While this policy is easy to defend, it looked like hypocrisy in the face of the NFL's licensing agreement with Midway for NFL Blitz.

NFL Blitz had been flying under the radar. It is more fantasy than actual simulation—

"hot" players actually burst into flames—and is less popular than the league's other licensees, especially EA Sports' Madden NFL game. But suddenly players and the media began wondering aloud about a league promoting sportsmanship and condemning late hits but pocketing profits from a game aimed at children that glorifies the very same behavior—and using the names and images of the game's stars.

In NFL Blitz, defensive tackles can leap on quarterbacks after a play to inflict extra pain, kick players when they're down, or pick them up and body slam them WWF-style. There are no refs.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense," says Jacksonville Jaguars strong safety Donovin Darius. Darius, who has been fined for his hits, adds, "It's a double standard, without a doubt."

The league and the Players' Association (which also profits handsomely from the licensing deals) reacted defensively at first. They emphasized the cartoonish aspects of

the game—players are not realistic, they're larger and faster than life, and the game itself is only eight-on-eight.

They also said they had already reined in the more outrageous aspects of the game, defending the right of the company, the league and the association to operate beyond the "sports" boundaries and as part of the entertainment business. Indeed, ratcheting up the sensational is par for the course in the video-game industry. Sega Sports' NFL 2K3 is more realistic but does market its "painful aerial tackles."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy says Midway is taking the league's recommendations to tone down its NFL Blitz act "under consideration." But he wasn't losing sleep wondering whether the new version would be different. The NFL's "request" was, in essence, a command.

"If they want to retain their NFL license, then, yes, they'll make the changes," he says.

-Stuart Miller



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE IN LAS VEGAS ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY?



Why visit Las Vegas during the Super Bowl, one of the gambling mecca's busiest days of the year?

Two words: proposition bets.

Hundreds of wagers that are never seen the rest of the year get posted on sports books' massive electronic boards. Bets pour in on the coin-flip result and whether the final score total will be odd or even. Other sports get in the game. When Houston center Yao Ming had fewer blocked shots last January 26 against Chicago than there were rushing touchdowns in that day's Super Bowl, some prop bettors made money.

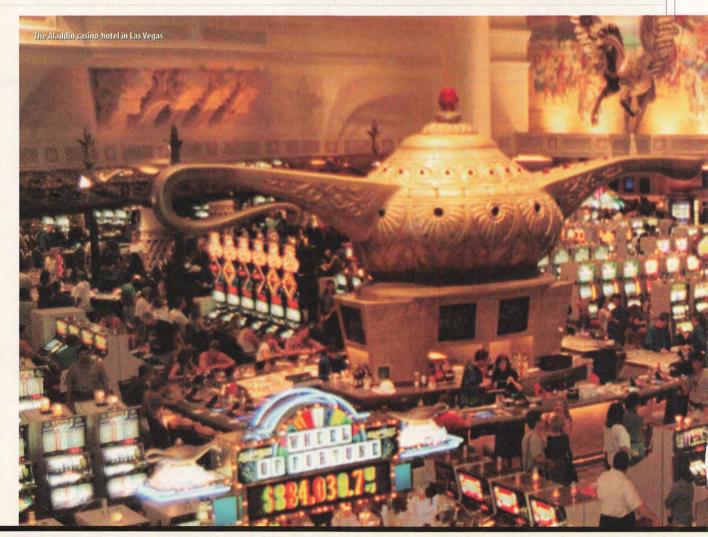
My brother Kirk and I anted up \$200 combined on a dozen props, making our small contribution to the \$72 million bet on the game in Nevada. We hoped neither team would score a touchdown during the game (60-to-1 odds) and that a two-point conversion would be successful (3-to-1 odds). Betting slips in hand, and with two hours to spare before kickoff, we began trolling casinos for seats to watch Tampa Bay take on Oakland.

We sauntered to Bellagio, home of exquisite art and high rollers. The sports book was fairly empty, but the seats were not. Each one not occupied by a bettor was covered with a "Reserved" sign in 72-point type.

We walked a little faster to Paris, a casino that reminded us of the City of Lights—if everyone on the Left Bank sat at blackjack tables. We were thrilled to find two empty seats, until we realized craning to see the TV screens for four hours from those vantage points would guarantee two tickets to neck surgery.

Feeling hungry and winded after visits to two more casinos overflowing with Super Bowl bettors, we reached Aladdin. We walked upstairs to a bar with a perfect view of the movie-theater-sized screens hanging from the ceiling. No chairs were available, but we jumped in a line of a dozen people as casino employees scrambled to find extra chairs to hand out.

After about 15 minutes, only two fans stood between us and our desire to sit. That's when the casino announced it had run out



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of chairs. We rushed to the slot stools just **Houston Rockets** before kickoff. My field of vision of the Super Bowl itself was partially blocked by a genie's lamp the size of two Hummers, but I thanked God

I was sitting down.

Yao Ming,

Without an emotional investment in either team, I closely followed my cash investment. We soon discovered there's one problem with proposition bets: You make so many of them you're often cheering against yourself. Sure, I wanted

Oakland to make those two-point-conversion attempts (the Raiders failed three times) to win \$35, but I also hoped the Buccaneers would prevail by more than seven points to secure \$30 in another prop wager.

After the game, I cashed in my winners, which included a hefty non-prop wager on Tampa Bay to cover (\$275 to make \$250), placed immediately after I heard Oakland center Barrett Robbins was AWOL. My brother and I vowed to print up "Reserved" signs before we returned to watch the 2004 Super Bowl, then headed to the craps tables at Monte Carlo, our home base, for the rest of the night.

-David Sweet



WHAT ARE THE **LARGEST POST-SEASON COMEBACKS** OF ALL TIME?

During the 2002 NFL season, 50 of the 256 regular-season contests saw a team grab a lead of at least 24 points. In those 50 games, not once did the team with the huge lead end up losing the game. Naturally, in the first weekend of the postseason, the San Francisco 49ers erased a 38-14 Giants advantage and, with a little help from some questionable officiating on the game's final play, scored a shocking 39-38 victory.

Not only was the Niners' comeback the largest in the entire 2002 season, it was the second-largest in NFL postseason history:

Largest deficits overcome to win in NFL postseason history

32 pts - Bills vs. Oilers, Jan. 1993 Wild-Card Game

24 pts - 49ers vs. Giants, Jan. 2003 Wild-Card Game

20 pts - Lions @ 49ers, Dec. 1957 Conference Playoff

18 pts - Cowboys @ 49ers, Dec. 1972 Divisional Playoff

18 pts - Dolphins vs. Browns, Jan. 1986 Divisional Playoff

17 pts - Steelers vs. Browns, Jan. 2003 Wild-Card Game

There have been 99 postseason games in which a team held a lead of at least 24 points, and only two teams—the Frank Reich-led Bills in January 1993 and last season's 49ers-managed to dig themselves out of that huge hole and claim victory. Interestingly, the 49ers' comefrom-behind thriller came on the same day the Steelers posted the sixth-largest comeback ever in postseason play, erasing a 17-point Browns lead and claiming a 36-33 triumph.

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CAN FOOTBALL NOW BE CONSIDERED AMERICA'S PASTIME?

Yes. The NFL has leaped over Major League Baseball in popularity and sprinted miles ahead of basketball and hockey. NASCAR and its fans could make an argument, but no sports league has captured the attention of sports fans quite like the NFL has.

"Baseball is America's pastime," Howie Long said during his Pro Football Hall-of-Fame induction speech in 2000. "But football is truly America's passion."

Indeed, only the NFL has been able to forge lasting labor peace and create a level playing fieldsome would say too level-in which every team has a chance to reach the Super Bowl. Fans of small-market baseball franchises such as the Milwaukee Brewers, Pittsburgh Pirates and Tampa Bay Devil Rays know their teams have no chance of reaching a World Series because of baseball's economics. Yet supporters of the Packers, Steelers and Buccaneers go into each season with high hopes.

The NFL dominates sports talk radio 365 days a year. The NFL sells more merchandise, draws higher television ratings and commands more public attention than any other sports league. Last year, USA Today recognized the trend and re-christened its 11-year-old Baseball Weekly publication Sports Weekly, focusing more on football.

The NFL has grown so huge that a non-event like the NFL Draft has become a bigger television draw than the NBA All-Star Game and, arguably, any round of the baseball postseason other than the World Series.

Speaking of the Fall Classic, fewer young fans watch it each year as games get pushed back further into the night. The Super Bowl, meanwhile, has become



the fourth-biggest "holiday" on the calendar behind Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve.

So even if rap stars wear retro jerseys of former baseball and NBA stars, it's the NFL that's most effectively blended entertainment into its game presentation, to the point where it seems like Bon Jovi and Shania Twain are league employees. All of this enables the NFL, more than any other sport, to best appeal to women and the coveted 18-to-34-year-old male demographic.

The NFL also is the sport most conducive to three other popular American pastimes: television viewing, beer drinking and gambling.

The NFL has three years left on its \$18 billion television contract, the largest in sports. Even in a lousy economy, sponsors line up to pay millions to link their products to the hottest sports league.

Though the price of NFL tickets continues to soar, most clubs play to full houses on Sunday, with lengthy waiting lists for season tickets. When team owners from other sports request new stadiums, politicians and taxpayers resist. Football owners, however, can demand whatever they want, which is why there have been 20 stadiums built or renovated in the last decade.

NFL players have a better public image than their counterparts from other sports. Fans view NBA players as more self-absorbed and spoiled. Baseball players, not football jocks, have been under the microscope recently for steroid use. And though football players are handsomely paid, fans seem to believe they earn it more because of nonguaranteed contracts and the violence they must endure.

All levels of football have benefited from the NFL boom. With top basketball talent spending little if any time in college, interest in college hoops has declined, causing alumni to focus more on football. The annual "National Signing Day" of high school football talent by colleges has become a bigger event than MLB's amateur draft.

For some, baseball still might be the national pastime. The NFL, however, is the nation's sports passion.

—Pete Williams

2002 SEASON RECAP

AMERIC	AN FU	UIB	ALL	EUN	TENEN	UE.
East Divis	ion					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	9	7	0	.562	359	33
New England	9	7	0	.562	381	34
Miami	9	7	0	.562	378	30
Buffalo	8	8	0	.500	379	39
North Div	ision					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	P/
Pittsburgh	10	5	1	.656	390	34
Cleveland*	9	7	0	.562	344	32
Baltimore	7	9	0	.438	316	35
Cincinnati	2	14	0	.125	279	45
South Div	ision					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	P/
Tennessee	11	5	0	.688	367	32
Indianapolis*	10	6	0	.625	349	31
Jacksonville	6	10	0	.375	328	31
Houston	4	12	0	.250	213	35
West Divi	sion					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Oakland	11	5	0	.688	450	30
Denver	9	7	0	.562	392	34
San Diego	8	8	0	.500	333	36
Kansas City	8	8	0	.500	467	39
NOTION	AL FO	OTB	ALL	CONI	EREN	CE
East Divis				DCT	DF	
DI II	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Philadelphia	12	4	0	.750	415	24
N.Y. Giants*	10	6	0	.625	320	27

Dallas	5	11	0	.312	21/	329	
North Div	ision						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	
Green Bay	12	4	0	.750	398	328	
Minnesota	6	10	0	.375	390	442	
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	281	379	
Detroit	3	13	0	.188	306	451	
South Div	ision						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	12	4	0	.750	346	196	
Atlanta*	9	6	1	.594	402	314	
New Orleans	9	7	0	.562	432	388	
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	258	302	

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on					
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
10	6	0	.625	367	351
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^{*} wild card

Washington

SUPER BOWL XXXVII

At Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego; January 26, 2003 Attendance: 67,603

Oakland	3	0	6	12	-	21
Tampa Bay	3	17	14	14	-	48

PERDING

			SCURING
	QTR	Time	
0ak	1	10:40	Janikowski 40 yd. field goal
TB	1	7:51	Gramatica 31 yd. field goal
TB	2	11:16	Gramatica 43 yd. field goal
TB	2	6:24	Alstott 2 yd. run (Gramatica kick)
TB	2	0:30	McCardell 5 yd. pass from B. Johnson (Gramatica kick)
TB	3	5:30	McCardell 8 yd. pass from B. Johnson (Gramatica kick)
TB	3	4:47	D. Smith 44 yd. interception return (Gramatica kick)
0ak	3	2:14	Porter 39 yd. pass from Gannon (pass failed)
0ak	4	14:16	E. Johnson 13 yd. return of blocked punt (pass failed)
0ak	4	6:06	Rice 48 yd. pass from Gannon (pass failed)
TB	4	1:18	D. Brooks 44 yd. interception return (Gramatica kick)
TB	4	0:02	D. Smith 50 yd. interception return (Gramatica kick)

TEAM ST	ITISTICS	
	Oak	TB
Rushing Yards	19	150
Passing Yards	250	215
Total Yards	269	365
First Downs	11	24
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-22	0-0
Third-Down Efficiency	7-16	6-15
Fourth-Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Time of Possession	22:46	37:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Oakland — Garner 7-10, Crockett 2-6, Gannon 2-3; Tampa Bay — Pittman 29-124, Alstott 10-15-1 TD, B. Johnson 1-10, Stecker 1-1, Tupa 1-0

Passing: Oakland—Gannon 24-44-272-2 TD-5 INT; Tampa Bay—B. Johnson 18-34-215-2 TD-1 INT

Receiving: Oakland—Rice 5-77-1 TD, Porter 4-62-1 TD, Jolley 5-59, Garner 7-51, T. Brown 1-9, Ritchie 1-7, Wheatley 1-7; Tampa Bay—Jurevicius 4-78, K. Johnson 6-69, Alstott 5-43, McCardell 2-13-2, Dilger 1-12

Sacks: Tampa Bay—Rice 2, Spires 1, Wyms 1, Sapp 1

WILD CARD GAMES		DIVISIONA PLAYOFFS		CONFERENC CHAMPIONSH		SUPER BO XXXVII	
Cleveland	33	Pittsburgh	31	Tennessee	24		
PITTSBURGH	36	TENNESSEE	(OT) 34			Oakland	21
Indianapolis	0	N.Y. Jets	10				
N.Y.JETS	41	OAKLAND	30	OAKLAND	41		
N.Y. Giants	38	San Francisco	6	Tampa Bay	27		
SAN FRANCISCO	39	TAMPA BAY	31	and a set			
Atlanta	27	Atlanta	6			Tampa Bay	48
GREEN BAY	7	PHILADELPHIA	20	PHILADELPHIA	10	home	team in caps

SUPER BOWLS

3	1967	Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
	1968	Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
	1969	New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7
— 21	1970	Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
— 48	1971	Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
TOTAL PARTY NAMED IN COLUMN	1972	Dallas 24, Miami 3
	1973	Miami 14, Washington 7
	1974	Miami 24, Minnesota 7
	1975	Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
	1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
	1977	Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
a kick)	1978	Dallas 27, Denver 10
3. Johnson	1979	Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
5. JUIIISUII	1980	Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles Rams 19
3. Johnson	1981	Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
5. JUHISUH	1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
n return	1983	Washington 27, Miami 17
retuin	1984	Los Angeles Raiders 38, Washington 9
nnon (pass	1985	San Francisco 38, Miami 16
mon (pass	1986	Chicago 46, New England 10
blocked punt	1987	New York Giants 39, Denver 20
biochea parie	1988	Washington 42, Denver 10
on (pass	1989	San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16
4	1990	San Francisco 55, Denver 10
on return	1991	New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19
	1992	Washington 37, Buffalo 24
n return	1993	Dallas 52, Buffalo 17
	1994	Dallas 30, Buffalo 13
-	1995	San Francisco 49, San Diego 26
	1996	Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17
	1997	Green Bay 35, New England 21
TB	1998	Denver 31, Green Bay 24
150	1999	Denver 34, Atlanta 19
215	2000	St. Louis 23, Tennessee 16
365	2001	Baltimore 34, New York Giants 7
24	2002	N F 1 100 C 1 1 47

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SUPER BOWL MVP

New England 20, St. Louis 17 Tampa Bay 48, Oakland 21

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Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers
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Joe Namath, New York Jets
Len Dawson, Kansas City Chiefs
Chuck Howley, Dallas Cowboys
Roger Staubach, Dallas Cowboys
Jake Scott, Miami Dolphins
Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers
Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh Steelers
Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland Raiders
Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas Cowboys
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers
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Jim Plunkett, Oakland Raiders
Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
John Riggins, Washington Redskins
Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders
Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
Richard Dent, Chicago Bears
Phil Simms, New York Giants
Doug Williams, Washington Redskins
Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers
Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
Ottis Anderson, New York Giants
Mark Rypien, Washington Redskins
Troy Aikman, Dallas Cowboys
Emmitt Smith, Dallas Cowboys
Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers
Larry Brown, Dallas Cowboys
Desmond Howard, Green Bay Packers
Terrell Davis, Denver Broncos
John Elway, Denver Broncos
Kurt Warner, St. Louis Rams
Ray Lewis, Baltimore Ravens

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Tom Brady, New England Patriots

Dexter Jackson, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

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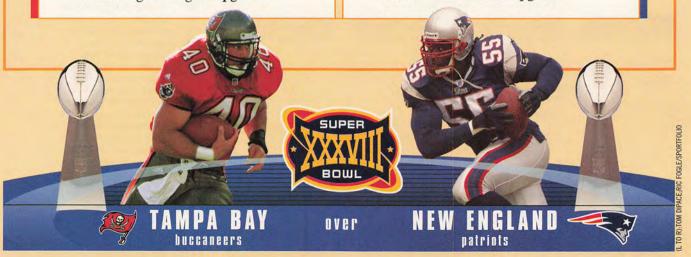
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S29	Cardinals (+3) Giants	21-7	W
	Chiefs (+3) Dolphins	48-30	W
	over 44		W
	Seahawks (-3) Vikes	48-23	
528	Kentucky (+19) Fla	34-41	W
	V'bult (+10) S Car	14-20	W
	Mich (-7) Illinois	45-28	W
The state of	Va (+1 1/2) W Forest	38-34	W
S27	Tex Tech/N Mex under 57	49-0	W
S26	Louisvl/Fla St over 43	26-20	W
523	Bucs (+2 1/2) Rams	26-14	W
	under 43		W
522	Seahawks(+6 1/2) Giants	6-9	W

	Chiefs/Patriots over 44	38-41	W
W.	Lions (+8) Packers	31-37	W
	49'ers (-9) Redskins	20-10	W
521	NC St (+2 1/2) Tex Tech	51-48	W
	Kansas St (-3) USC	27-20	W
	Notre D (+4) Mich St	21-17	W
519	Auburn (-1) Miss over 43	14-42	W
S15	Cards (+3 1/2) S'hawks	24-13	W
	Giants (+11 1/2) Rams	26-23	W
	Saints (+2) Puckers	35-20	W
\$14	Nevada (+14) BYU	31-28	W
	Penn St (+4) Nebraska	40-7	W
	Fla St (-20 1/2) Md	37-10	W
	W Va (+3) Cincinnati	135-32	W
5 9	Pats (+2 1/2) Steelers	30-14	W

58	Saints (+6) Bucs	26-20	W
A TELL	Dolphins (-8) Lions	49-23	W
	Vikings (+4 1/2) Bears	23-27	W
\$7	'Bama (+13) Okla	27-37	W
	So Fla (-7) N III	37-6	W
	Virginia (+41/2) 5 Car	34-21	W
5.5	49'ers/Giants under 38	16-13	W
20	02 PRE-SEASON WINNER	Si	
5 2	Auburn (+8) USC	17-24	W
	Cincinnati (-3) TCU	36-29	W
A31	Clemson (+8 1/2) Ga	28-31	W
	Miami-O (+8) N Car	27-21	W
	Houston (+8) Rice	24-10	W
A29	BYU (-2) Syracuse	42-21	W
	Falcons (+4) Bengals	27-14	W

		N III (+2) W Forest	42-41	W
	A24	OSU (-6) Tex Tech	45-21	W
		lowa St (+23) Fla St	31-38	W
ì	1	Falcs (+3 1/2) Cowboys	21-19	W
	A22	Colo 51 (+2 1/2) Va	35-29	W
	100	Chrgers (+6 1/2)Rams	31-10	W
	A18	Steelers (+2 1/2) Skins	34-35	W
7	A17	Falcons (-3) Giants	36-24	W
		Chiefs (-5) Texas	19-9	W
4	A16	Chrgers(-4 1/2)S'hawks	24-14	W
	A15	Saints (+2 1/2) Dolphins	24-7	W
,	A10	Browns(+3 1/2) Vikings	27-15	W
ſ,	A 9	Cowboys (-3) Raiders	20-6	W
		under 33		W
	A 3	Redskins (-03) 49'ers	38-7	W

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Pats, Bills win offseason sweepstakes, capture favorites' roles

By Larry Weisman, USA Today

hink back on that photo finish in the AFC East. Remember how the New York Jets won by a flaring nostril. It's a short trip from the front end of the horse to that dismal backside.

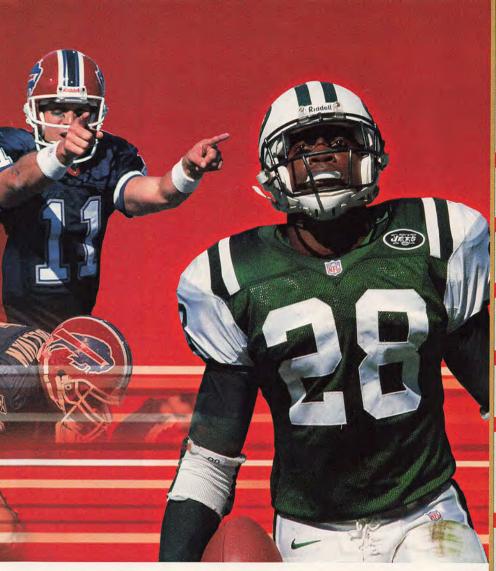
Fevered offseason activity all around the division promises to make the coming season at least as interesting and tightly contested as the last. The Jets have never in their history repeated as a division winner and, if the offseason were a race, they'd have slipped way back in the pack.

New England had a clear plan to add speed to its defense and some ferocity to its secondary. The Patriots went methodically about their business, stalking the right players (linebacker Rosevelt Colvin) in free agency and using the system (franchising and trading safety Tebucky Jones) to their advantage.

Say the same for Buffalo. The cagey Bills hung the franchise tag on Peerless Price and received Atlanta's No. 1 pick for letting him go. They leaped into the free-agent festivities hoping to upgrade at linebacker and came away with Jeff Posey and Takeo Spikes (whom Cincinnati lost because it did not manage the system so well). The Bills knew they needed to fix some big defensive holes and executed their game plan.

Miami's approach smelled a bit of desperation. The Dolphins seem to be moving further from the Super Bowl and they had no No. 1 pick, that choice already dealt to New Orleans a year ago for Ricky Williams. The Dolphins chased free-agent left tackle Wayne Gandy but missed, and then traded with San Diego for proud but worn linebacker Junior Seau. The point? Well, there probably is one but it looked like action for the sake of action.

The Jets, who showed such heart in rebounding from a 2-5 start last year, exhibited absolutely no head. Washington stripped them bare, scarfing up receiver Laveranues Coles, kicker John Hall, guard Randy Thomas and kick returner Chad Morton. Had the Jets hung the proper tender on Coles, a restricted free agent, they'd have received first- and third-round picks. Instead, they got only the Redskins' No. 1. In matching Washington's offer to Morton, the Jets relied on NFL Management Council advice in not meeting all of the terms. The case went to an arbitrator, who let it be known he was a Redskins season-ticket holder and, not only ruled against them, but he gave Morton to the Redskins. Can't anyone here play this game?



Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Adam Vinatieri, K, New England Makes the pressure kicks.

RUSHER

Ricky Williams, RB, Miami Takes over games with brute power.

RECEIVER:

Eric Moulds, WR. Buffalo

Sleek and slick and in sync with Drew Bledsoe.

TACKLER:

Zach Thomas, LB, Miami

Always gets squared up and in position for the hit.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Kevin Faulk, RB, New England

Feisty little returner carted two kickoffs back for TDs last year, led the conference in KO-return average by nearly two yards over Chad Morton.

TEAMMATE:

Vinny Testaverde, OB, New York Jets

An elder statesman who handled his demotion with grace while tutoring his replacement.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Mark Dixon, OT, Miami

Go-to guy for quotes in the Dolphins' locker room.

INTELLECT:

Chad Pennington, QB, New York Jets

Rhodes Scholar candidate, smart enough to keep his wits about him in the flush of success.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Charlie Weis, off. coord., New England

Patriots got away from the run last year and looked for a while as if they would dominate in the same way Oakland did. Weis, the Pats' offensive coordinator, knows how to play to a strength and how to attack a weakness.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Tom Donahoe, Buffalo

Decisive in what he wants and how to get it, Donahoe's grab for Drew Bledsoe had the Bills in the playoff hunt, and this year's haul (Takeo Spikes, Jeff Posey, Sam Adams) should solve defensive woes.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Patriots, Super Bowl winners two years ago, appear loaded defensively and ready to make up for their offensive lapses of 2002. They need to turn back to the ground game, at least a little, to take some pressure off a defense that can line up in a multiplicity of alignments. They'd have to be the favorites in the AFC East.



Buffalo's resurgence, keyed by Drew Bledsoe, continues with a firmer defense in place. The Bills might not make the playoffs but they'll be in this race to the very end. No lapse for them as they head for the homestretch.



MIAMI DOLPHINS

Miami will struggle the way it has over the past few campaigns. The Dolphins play one way at home and another on the road. They'll be exposed at quarterback and may crumble from within.



NEW YORK JETS

Everyone in the division is better off than the denuded Jets. The Jets had something to build on after discovering Chad Pennington and their inner resources. They wasted it by snoozing through the offseason. As the other AFC East teams leave them in the dust, will we hear a faded echo of coach Herman Edwards' famous cry: "Hello? Hello?"



PATRIOTS

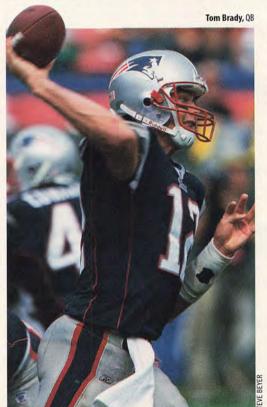
Patriots ready to make another charge

Retooled defense should take the pressure off Brady

year removed from their stunning Super Bowl win, the Patriots face exactly the task of so many previous champions. They must remake their roster, even if they weren't star-studded to begin with. The Pats followed their title run by failing to make the playoffs, collapsing against the run (ranking 31st in the NFL) and losing the heart of their offensive philosophy.

Defensively, the Patriots lacked interior toughness and speed. Offensively, the switch to a racehorse style of passing (hello, Oakland) that eschewed the run hurt them against physical defenses. In their seven defeats, they were held to 17 or fewer points six times.

The Patriots got active in free agency earlier than usual to patch some of their defensive problems at linebacker and overhaul their secondary and



spent a No. 1 pick on a versatile defensive lineman, Ty Warren.

Offensive line

Grade: C+

Center Damien Woody is probably the best player in this group, the guards are serviceable if not outstanding and left tackle Matt Light continues to improve. The biggest problem is at right tackle.

The Patriots wound up time-sharing on the right side last year, with Kenyatta Jones (who played left tackle in college) unseating Greg Randall and then losing the job back to Randall for three games. Randall has been traded to Houston. It's an open question whether Jones has the power to be a bullish, run-blocking tackle.

Quarterbacks

Grade: B+

Tom Brady got lots of experience throwing the ball last season. His 601 pass attempts ranked third in the NFL and he threw twice as many touchdown passes (28) as interceptions (14). But Brady's relationship with his teammates seemed strained during that lost October, when the Patriots dropped four consecutive games. Leadership doesn't always come easy. Brady certainly sees all of the field—his touchdown passes went to 11 different receivers.

Backup Rohan Davey got very few snaps as a rookie. The Patriots could stand an experienced backup who could not only play in relief but counsel Brady.

Running backs

Grade: C+

Antowain Smith really irked the coaching staff when he reported out of shape last year and failed a conditioning test after having landed the big contract he desired. He's the type of back who requires lots of carries to get a rhythm and New England's offense moved entirely away from that concept. Smith is an effective plodder but he doesn't take games over.

Kevin Faulk provides the change-up and the threat out of the backfield. He's a nifty receiver and a big-play type. The temptation to use him more has to be resisted. He's undersized and too many snaps would damage his effectiveness on kick returns.

The Patriots let fullback Marc Edwards go and signed Fred McCrary, who is a stronger blocker but not much for handling the football.

Receivers

Grade: R

PATRIOT FACT The Patriots won all eight

The Patriots throw the ball to everybody, including a small army of tight ends. They lack a real burner who can stretch defenses and they also don't have a big-bodied guy (other than the tight ends) who can



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Chris Akins, S

(CLE)

Rosevelt Colvin, LB (UFA-CHI)

Rodney Harrison, S

(SD)

Fred McCrary, FB

(SD)

Tyrone Poole, CB

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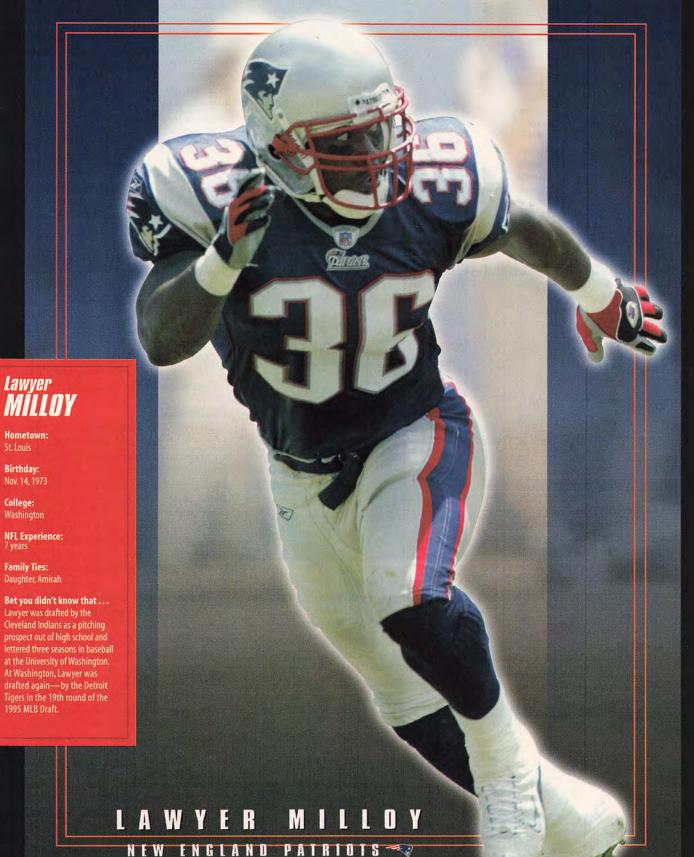
"I just wanted a fresh start. I like Bill Belichick, the way his defensive mind works. I'm excited about being able to play in a great secondary with (Lawyer) Milloy and (Ty) Law."

—Pro Bowl free-agent safety Rodney Harrison on signing with the Patriots

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	317.8	21
Rushing	94.3	28
Passing	223.6	12
Scoring	381	10
Punt Returns	8.8	19
Kick Returns	23.6	6
Red Zone TD %	53.1	17
Total Defense	336.1	23
Against Rush	137.4	31
Against Pass	198.7	11
Points Allowed	346	17
Interceptions	18	12t
Sacks	34	19
Turnover Diff.	+5	10

First Do	owns		
Total	Rush	Pass	Penal
304	99	184	
	ne Offer		
Poss.	Pts.	TD	F
49	237	26	
Touchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	De



Lawyer MILLOY

Hometown: St. Louis

Birthday: Nov. 14, 1973

College: Washington

NFL Experience: 7 years

Family Ties: Daughter, Amirah

2002 FINAL STATS

Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/09	W	30-14	Pittsburgh
09/15	W	44-7	at New York Jets
09/22	W	41-38 (OT)	Kansas City
09/29	L	14-21	at San Diego
10/06	L	13-26	at Miami
10/13	L	10-28	Green Bay
10/27	L	16-24	Denver
11/03	W	38-7	at Buffalo
11/10	W	33-30	at Chicago
11/17	L	20-27	at Oakland
11/24	W	24-17	Minnesota
11/28	W	20-12	at Detroit
12/08	W	27-17	Buffalo
12/16	L	7-24	at Tennessee
12/22	L	17-30	New York Jets
12/29	W	27-24	Miami

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	252	982	3.9	42	6
Faulk	52	271	5.2	45t	2
Brady	42	110	2.6	15	1
Edwards	31	96	3.1	17	0
Pass	4	27	6.8	13	0
Brown	3	14	4.7	21	0
Patten	2	6	3.0	7	0
Huard	1	4	4.0	4	0
Redmond	4	2	0.5	5	0
Branch	2	0	0	4	0
Davey	2	-4	-2.0	-2	0
Patriots	395	1508	3.8	45t	9
Opponents	467	2198	4.7	58t	17

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brown	97	890	9.2	38	3
Patten	61	824	13.5	39	5
Branch	43	489	11.4	49t	2
Faulk	37	379	10.2	36	3
Smith	31	243	7.8	35	2
Fauria	27	253	9.4	33	7
Edwards	23	196	8.5	27	0
Cleeland	16	112	7.0	22	1
Graham	15	150	10.0	31	1
Hayes	12	133	11.1	40	2
Givens	9	92	10.2	30	1
Redmond	2	5	2.5	3	0
Patriots	374	3767	10.1	49t	28
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PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Brady	601	373	3764	28	14
Davey	2	1	3	0	0
Faulk	1	0	0	0	0
Patriots	605	374	3767	28	14
Opponents	531	314	3378	23	18

SACKS

McGinest 5.5, Seymour 5.5, Vrabel 4.5, Bruschi 4.5, Pleasant 3.0, Green 2.5, Hamilton 2.0, Johnson 1.5, Jones 1.5, Law 1.0, Holsey 1.0, Phifer 0.5

Patriots 34.0, Opponents 31.0

t=touchdown



Ty Law, CB

get position by being physical in the red zone. The Patriots threw so often last season that it's hard to gauge what their receiving statistics mean.

Deion Branch could be the guy to watch this year. His 49-yard touchdown reception last year was the club's longest. Troy Brown caught 97 passes, but only three went for touchdowns and his average per catch was less than 10 yards.

Daniel Graham, a No. 1 pick last year, should battle Christian Fauria to be the starting tight end. Cam Cleeland won't be back.

Grade: C-

Defensive line

Nose tackle Richard Seymour made the Pro Bowl and tied for the club lead in sacks. He's an active inside player but doesn't tie up blockers against the run. The Patriots might want to move him outside in certain situations.

The rotation of veterans, which had been so successful in the drive to the Super Bowl, failed badly in the face of age. Defensive end Willie McGinest is approaching the end and Anthony Pleasant appears to have beaten him there by a couple of steps. They may have already made their major contributions, by restructuring their contracts to give the club salary-cap room. The Patriots badly need young blood up front and first-round pick Warren from Texas A&M supplies it. He has played every defensive line position but probably figures best inside next to Seymour.

Linebackers

Grade: B-

Grade R

The grade goes up if free-agent acquisition Rosevelt Colvin proves his worth. The Pats need an outside speed rusher and that's what he brings to the table. He's not a great player against the run or in coverage but New England will probably ask that he start diversifying his game.

Old heads like Tedy Bruschi and Ted Johnson are exactly that—solid veterans who turn 30 before opening day. Roman Phifer has been around forever and led the team in tackles. Mike Vrabel is the youngest of the holdovers at 28, but even he is not a force on the edge.

Colvin is the prototype of what the Patriots need: young legs, speed off the corner, a nose for the quarterback.

Secondary

On the face of it, the grade should be higher, with perennial Pro Bowlers in cornerback Ty Law and safety Lawyer Milloy. But this is where a lot of the early work in free agency was focused. Tebucky Jones was traded, free agent Tyrone Poole will battle 37-year-old Otis Smith at corner and veteran banger Rodney Harrison will find a spot at safety. The Patriots also signed fifth-year NFL backup safety Chris Akins, who played in 15 games with Cleveland last year.

If Poole beats out Smith, Smith becomes the nickel guy with Terrell Buckley gone to Miami. The club will again have enough quality safeties to play its Big Nickel scheme, putting three of them on the field at once.

Special teams Grade: B+

The Patriots were dominant in this area in the Super Bowl year and still pretty good in 2002. Kicker Adam Vinatieri missed only three field-goal tries (41, 52, 43) and was 18-of-18 inside the 40.

Brown could not make anything happen on punt returns, but Faulk really stood out returning kickoffs, carting two back for touchdowns.

Punter Ken Walter doesn't kick for big yardage but gets height on the ball and allows the coverage team to get downfield.

Management

Coach Bill Belichick and personnel man Scott Pioli generally do not like to spend big

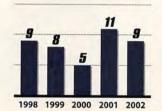
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FIVE-YEAR **VS** TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	@Buffalo	1:00
Sept. 14	@Philadelphia	4:15
Sept. 21	N.Y. Jets	1:00
Sept. 28	@Washington	1:00
Oct. 5	Tennessee	1:00
Oct. 12	N.Y. Giants	1:00
Oct. 19	@Miami	1:00
Oct. 26	Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 3	@Denver	9:00
Nov. 9	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 16	Dallas	8:30
Nov. 23	@Houston	1:00
Nov. 30	@Indianapolis	1:00
Dec.7	Miami	4:15
Dec. 14	Jacksonville	1:00
Dec. 20	@N.Y. Jets	8:30
Dec. 27	Buffalo	1:30

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

OF	LLIADE
Pos.	
QB	Tom Brady
FB	Fred McCrary
RB	Antowain Smit
LT	Matt Light
LG	Mike Compton
C	Damien Woody
RG	Joe Andruzzi
RT	Kenyatta Jones
TE	Christian Fauria
WR	Troy Brown
WR	David Patten

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Bobby Hamilton
NT	Richard Seymour
RE	Anthony Pleasant
OLB	Rosevelt Colvin
ILB	Ted Johnson
ILB	Tedy Bruschi
OLB	Roman Phifer
LCB	Ty Law
RCB	Otis Smith
SS	Rodney Harrison
FS	Lawyer Milloy

SPECIAL TEAMS

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POS.	
K	Adam Vinatieri
P	Ken Walter
KR	Kevin Faulk
PR	Troy Brown

dollars in free agency on a single player. They got a fair deal on Colvin. The drafts have not been abundant but, with two No. 1 picks this year (one from Buffalo for Drew Bledsoe), the front office's savvy was on display.

Belichick isn't Mr. Personality and never will be. His strength is in presenting the scheme and getting players to buy into the results. The breakdowns last year (three losses in October, two in the final three games) were enough to derail a team that had won its first three games by a combined 115-59 score. The Patriots finished the year with the same problems they first identified in training camp. That won't

happen again. They are retooled and recharged defensively.

Bottom line

The Patriots don't rely solely on talent to win games. They must prepare, attack and execute. and the minor breakdowns hurt them more than they might have a more talented team. The Patriots need to find a balance and to remember the very thing that helped them win a Super Bowl: Run the ball and stop the run.

We're waiting for those improvements on the offensive side, but the defense will improve dramatically and take some of the pressure off Brady and Co. This could be a dangerous team.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Bill Belichick, head coach

Romeo Crennel, defensive coordinator/defensive line; Brian Daboll, wide receivers; Jeff Davidson, assistant offensive line/tight ends; Ivan Fears, running backs; Pepper Johnson, inside linebackers; Eric Mangini. defensive backs; Markus Paul, assistant strength and conditioning; Rob Ryan, outside linebackers: Dante Scarnecchia, assistant head coach/offensive line; Brad Seely, special teams; Charlie Weis, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks; Mike Woicik, strength and conditioning; John Hufnagel, quarterbacks

#	QUARTERBACK	OB	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Brady, Tom	QB	6-4	225	08/03/1977	3	Michigan
6	Davey, Rohan	QB	6-2	245	04/14/1978	1	LSU
19	Huard, Damon	QB	6-3	215	07/09/1973	4	Washington
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
63	Andruzzi, Joe	G	6-3	312	08/23/1975	5	So. Connecticut St.
68	Ashworth, Thomas	T	6-6	305	10/10/1977	1	Colorado
77	Compton, Mike	G	6-6	310	09/18/1970	10	West Virginia
73	Gorin, Brandon	T	6-6	304	07/17/1978	0	Purdue
71	Hochstein, Russ	G	6-4	300	10/07/1977	1	Nebraska
74	Jones, Kenyatta	T	6-3	310	01/18/1979	2	South Florida
70	Klemm, Adrian	T	6-3	312	05/21/1977	2	Hawaii
62	Knutson, Matt	T	6-7	315	06/14/1979	0	North Dakota
72	Light, Matt	T	6-4	305	06/23/1978	2	Purdue
66	Paxton, Lonie	C	6-2	260	03/13/1978	3	Sacramento State
65	Woody, Damien	(6-3	320	11/03/1977	4	Boston College
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Faulk, Kevin	RB	5-8	202	06/05/1976	4	LSU
44	McCrary, Fred	RB	6-1	245	09/19/1972	6	Mississippi State
35	Pass, Patrick	RB	5-10	217	12/31/1977	3	Georgia
21	Redmond, J.R.	RB	5-11	215	09/28/1977	3	Arizona State
32	Smith, Antowain	RB	6-2	232	03/14/1972	6	Houston
#	RECEIVERS		НТ	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
49	Baxter, Fred	TE	6-3	260	06/14/1971	10	Auburn
83	Branch, Deion	WR	5-9	193	07/18/1979	1	Louisville
80	Brown, Troy	WR	5-10	193	07/02/1971	10	Marshall
88	Fauria, Christian	TE	6-4	250	09/22/1971	8	Colorado
87	Givens, David	WR	6-1	212	08/16/1980	1	Notre Dame
82	Graham, Daniel	TE	6-3	253	11/16/1978	1	Colorado
86	Patten, David	WR	5-10	190	08/19/1974	6	Western Carolina
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97	Green, Jarvis	DE	HT 6-3	WT 285	BORN 01/12/1979	EXP.	LSU
91	Hamilton, Bobby	DE	6-5	280	07/01/1971	7	Southern Mississip
96	Lyle, Rick	DE	6-5	285	02/26/1971	8	Missouri
55	McGinest, Willie	DE	6-5	270	12/11/1971	9	Southern California
98	Pleasant, Anthony	DE	6-5	280	01/27/1968	13	
93	Seymour, Richard	DT	6-6	310	10/06/1979	2	Tennessee State Georgia
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#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	Ļ	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Akins, Chris	S	5-11	195	11/29/1976	4	Arkansas-Pine Bluf
26	Carter, Dyshod	CB	5-10	197	06/18/1978	1	Kansas State
30	Cherry, Je'Rod	S	6-1	210	05/30/1973	7	California
23	Harris, Antwan	S	5-9	194	05/29/1977	3	Virginia
21	Harrison, Rodney	S	6-1	220	12/15/1972	9	Western Illinois
31	Kelly, Ben	CB	5-9	185	09/15/1978	3	Colorado
24	Law, Ty	CB	5-11	200	02/10/1974	8	Michigan
36	Milloy, Lawyer	S	6-1	210	11/14/1973	7	Washington
25	Myers, Leonard	CB	5-10	198	12/18/1978	2	Miami (FL)
A.C	Poole, Tyrone	CB	5-8	188	02/03/1972	7	Fort Valley State
45	Smith, Otis	СВ	5-11	198	10/22/1965	12	Missouri
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
54	Bruschi, Tedy	LB	6-1	245	06/09/1973	7	Arizona
	Colvin, Rosevelt	LB	6-3	245	09/05/1977	4	Purdue
	Izzo, Larry	LB	5-10	228	09/26/1974	6	Rice
52	Johnson, Ted	LB	6-4	253	12/04/1972	8	Colorado
	Ledyard, Courtney	LB	6-2	250	03/09/1977	1	Michigan State
95	Phifer, Roman	LB	6-2	248	03/05/1968	12	UCLA
59	Tuitele, Maugaula	LB	6-1	255	05/26/1978	3	Colorado State
50	Vrabel, Mike	LB	6-4	261	08/14/1975	6	Ohio State
30	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#				203	03/28/1975	3	Alabama
#	Pope, Daniel	P	5-10				
-		P K P	5-10 6-1 6-1	202 207	12/28/1972	7	South Dakota State
#	Pope, Daniel						

2003 DRAFTEES							
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	13	Warren, Ty	DT	6-4	307	02/06/81	Texas A&M
2	4	Wilson, Eugene	СВ	5-10	192	08/17/80	Illinois
2	13	Johnson, Bethel	WR	5-11	201	02/11/79	Texas A&M
4	20	Klecko, Dan	DT	5-11	283	01/12/81	Temple
4	23	Samuel, Asante	CB	5-11	185	01/06/81	UCF
5	29	Koppen, Dan	C	6-2	297	08/12/78	Boston College
6	28	Kingsbury, Kliff	QB	6-3	213	08/09/79	Texas Tech
7	20	Nead, Spencer	TE	6-4	259	11/03/77	Brigham Young
7	25	Banta-Cain, Tully	DE	6-2	254	08/28/80	California
7	29	Kelley, Ethan	DT	6-1	301	02/12/80	Baylor

BUFFALO

'Takeo' it to the bank: Bledsoe's Bills will be even better

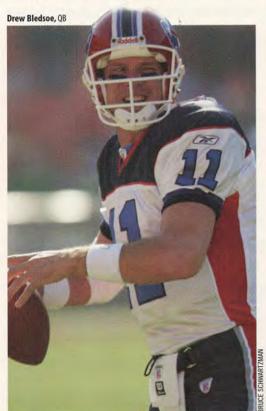
Free-agent acquisitions of Posey and Spikes give Buffalo's defense a considerable boost

big-armed quarterback, a couple of receivers who could go get it and a huge victory over Miami in the snow. Seemed like old times for the Buffalo Bills. Actually, it's new times.

With Drew Bledsoe giving the offense a leader and an attacking personality, the suddenly resurgent Bills made themselves a part of the playoff chase and that tight AFC East division race in 2002. Even though they missed out, they showed they have enough good players and enough direction to say this program is headed the right way.

The Bills fixed the offense by bringing in coordinator Kevin Gilbride to orchestrate.

The project this year is repairing a defense that



could not stand firm against the run, and the early returns look promising.

Offensive line Grade: B-

Granted, Bledsoe lacks mobility and can't escape the rush. The responsibility for 54 sacks is a shared one, but better pass protection is a must. And Bledsoe must also break his lifelong habit of holding the ball for eternity (plus one second).

Guard Ruben Brown anchors the group. Jonas Jennings seemed to settle in at left tackle. Massive Mike Williams, last year's No. 1 pick, is the right tackle and needs to refine his technique. The Bills love the athleticism of right guard Marques Sullivan.

The run blocking needs to improve and the trade with Cleveland for 6-6, 260-pound tight end Mark Campbell figures to be a plus. The Bills will definitely try to change their skewed pass-run ratio, and all of that will start up front.

Quarterbacks

Bledsoe was better in the first half of the season when the Bills won five of their eight games. After years of trying to find a successor to Jim Kelly, the

years of trying to find a successor to Jim Kelly, the Bills got Bledsoe from New England for a No. 1 pick. He did not play well in either game against his old team, as the Patriots had anticipated. Bledsoe shouldered the leadership responsibility

and brought a sense of purpose to his teammates. Look for him to be more comfortable with some of that pressure eased in his second year in Buffalo.

Backup Alex Van Pelt threw only two passes but has some experience as the starter.

Running backs

Shifty Travis Henry carried the load but the Bills need to find a change-of-pace back. The Bills rushed for 1,596 yards and Henry gained 1,438 of them, handling 325 of 388 rushes. Free agent Olandis Gary hasn't done much since 1999, when he had a brief flash of brilliance from Denver, but he provides

the depth the Bills sought.

What was the message in dumping pass-catching fullback Larry Centers? The Bills want a load back there, a load who blocks and makes the run game go. Hence the signing of veteran Sam Gash, who knows his role and doesn't agitate for the ball. Drafting the University of Miami's Willis McGahee in the first round didn't seem to make much sense for the short term, but perhaps he'll be a star in a year when his surgically repaired knee is completely whole.

Receivers

Grade: B+

Grade: B

Losing Peerless Price has to hurt. Teamed with Eric Moulds, he gave the Bills a dynamic tandem



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Sam Adams, DT (from OAK)

Mark Campbell, TE (trade-CLE) Olandis Gary, RB

(UFA-DEN)
Sam Gash, F

(UFA-BAL)

Rian Lindell, K

(RFA-SEA)

Jeff Posey, LB

(UFA-HOU)
Izell Reese, S
(UFA-DEN)

Dainon Sidney, CB (UFA-TEN)

Bobby Shaw, WR (UFA-JAC)

Takeo Spikes, LB (TFA-CIN)

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	349.4	11
Rushing	99.8	24
Passing	249.7	5
Scoring	379	11
Punt Returns	5.2	30
Kick Returns	19.8	30
Red Zone TD %	53.4	15t
Total Defense	324.3	15
Against Rush	132.6	29
Against Pass	191.7	6
Points Allowed	397	27
Interceptions	10	26t
Sacks	31	21
Turnover Diff.	-12	28

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Eric Shannon **MOULDS**

Hometown: Lucedale, Miss.

Birthday: July 17, 1973

College: Mississippi State

NFL Experience: 7 years

Family Ties:

Bet you didn't know that ... Eric was part of the 1992 team that witnessed Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill castrate a bull in hopes of motivating the players at their last practice before playing the Texas Longhorns.

2002 FINAL STATS Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	31-37	New York Jets
09/15	W	45-39	at Minnesota
09/22	L	23-28	at Denver
09/29	W	33-27	Chicago
10/06	L	31-49	Oakland
10/13	W	31-24	at Houston
10/20	W	23-10	at Miami
10/27	W	24-17	Detroit
11/03	L	7-38	New England
11/17	L	16-17	at Kansas City
11/24	L	13-31	at New York Jets
12/01	W	38-21	Miami
12/08	L	17-27	at New England
12/15	W	20-13	San Diego
12/22	L	0-10	at Green Bay
12/29	W	27-9	Cincinnati

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Henry	325	1438	4.4	34	13
Bledsoe	27	67	2.5	11	2
Centers	11	56	5.1	13	2
Bryson	13	35	2.7	10	0
Moulds	1	7	7.0	7	0
Burns	5	7	1.4	6	0
Morris	2	5	2.5	5	0
Moorman	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
Price	3	-13	-4.3	1	0
Bills	388	1596	4.1	34	17
Opponents	473	2122	4.5	55t	20

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Moulds	100	1292	12.9	70t	10
Price	94	1252	13.3	73t	9
Centers	43	388	9.0	25	0
Henry	43	309	7.2	26t	1
Reed	37	509	13.8	42	2
Riemersma	32	350	10.9	29	0
Moore	16	141	8.8	19	2
Crosby	4	33	8.3	11	0
Morris	3	48	16.0	18	0
Johnson	3	39	13.0	22	0
Bryson	1	9	9.0	9	0
Brown	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
Bills	377	4364	11.6	73t	24
Opponents	281	3279	11.7	81	24

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Bledsoe	610	375	4359	24	15
Van Pelt	2	2	5	0	0
Bills	612	377	4364	24	15
Opponents	495	281	3279	24	10

SACKS

Schobel 8.5, Ahanotu 5.0, Fletcher 3.0, Wire 3.0, Newman 3.0, Edwards 2.5, Irons 2.5, Prioleau 1.0, Bannan 1.0, Williams 0.5

Bills 31.0, Opponents 54.0

t=touchdown

that could exploit the width and breadth of the field. Second-year Josh Reed steps in for Price but won't draw the double-teams away from Moulds.

Charles Johnson never had speed and never will but he's a well-respected veteran who can mentor Moulds and especially Reed. Bobby Shaw, signed from Jacksonville, fits the profile as a third receiver and is a competent punt returner.

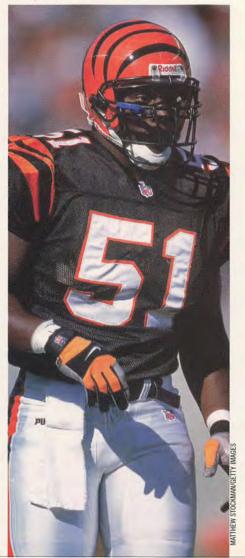
The tight end didn't figure much in the receiving game last year, hence the release of Jay Riemersma. Campbell should start, with Dave Moore as the backup.

Grade: C+

Defensive line

Defensive tackle Pat Williams hasn't been the same since Ted Washington left. That's why the Bills wooed free-agent tackle Sam Adams away from Oakland so ardently. They needed more efficient bulk in the middle and cannot afford to finish 29th against the run again. Adams standing firm will allow Williams to slide along the line and make plays.

Takeo Spikes, LB



Aaron Schobel showed flashes as a pass rusher, but he's about the only one of the front four capable of supplying pressure. Chidi Ahanotu was a fill-in at left end and doesn't figure in this equation going forward. Looks like Marcus Jones, another ex-Buc, gets the nod. Second-round pick Chris Kelsay out of Nebraska could figure in.

Grade: A-

Linebackers

We're giving a speculative grade that looks ahead.

This is the area the Bills really tried to revamp. They seem to have succeeded with two big scores in free agency—Jeff Posey and Takeo Spikes. That gives them a real upgrade in speed on the outside. Spikes is a proven commodity; Posey is an up-and-comer who should add to the pass rush. He has missed only one game in his career, and that was to attend his father's funeral.

Middle linebacker London Fletcher, signed a year ago, is the lone starter to return. He's undersized but gritty and intense.

The Bills weren't happy with Eddie Robinson and Keith Newman and neither is back. Posey and Spikes are an upgrade.

Secondary Grade: B+

The secondary returns intact, though free agent Izell Reese could push Pierson Prioleau at free safety.

The Bills are set at cornerback with their Ohio State tandem of Nate Clements and Antoine Winfield. Winfield lacks size but plays much bigger and is a superb tackler. Their coverage skills allow the Bills to go man-toman as they look to blitz a linebacker and bring more pressure.

Coy Wire, a third-round pick last year, had never played the position before (he was a college linebacker) but stepped in as the starting strong safety. He's smart and athletic.

Special teams Grade: D+

Neither the return game nor the coverage is particularly good. The early assumption that kicker Mike Hollis would quickly re-sign proved false and the Bills then signed Rian Lindell as a restricted free agent from Seattle.

Charlie Rogers never really got it done on returns and lost his job after averaging 5.3 yards per punt return. Bobby Shaw will be in the mix there.

Years ago, the Bills could count on great special teams. But they've been wandering in the desert for too long and they give away too much field position.

Management Grade: B+

The front-office combination of Tom Donahoe and Tom Modrak gives the Bills a pair that works well together, knows how to handle the salary cap and understands team chemistry. Give them credit for rebuilding quickly after

Stadium Facts

Ralph Wilson Stadium

Capacity: 73,967 Turf: Artificial Tickets: (877) 228-4257

Web site: www.buffalobills.com

TEAM										Program	
Buffalo	68,463	92.5	\$37.61	\$5.50	20oz	\$2.50	160z	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$16.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	New England	1:00
Sept. 14	@Jacksonville	1:00
Sept. 21	@Miami	8:30
Sept. 28	Philadelphia	1:00
Oct. 5	Cincinnati	1:00
Oct. 12	@N.Y. Jets	4:15
Oct. 19	Washington	1:00
Oct. 26	@Kansas City	8:30
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	@Dallas	4:15
Nov. 16	Houston	1:00
Nov. 23	Indianapolis	1:00
Nov. 30	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Dec.7	N.Y. Jets	4:15
Dec. 14	@Tennessee	1:00
Dec. 21	Miami	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Drew Bledsoe
FB	Sam Gash
RB	Travis Henry
LT	Jonas Jennings
LG	Ruben Brown
C	Trey Teague
RG	Marques Sullivan
RT	Mike Williams
TE	Mark Campbell
WR	Eric Moulds
WR	Josh Reed

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Marcus Jones
LT	Sam Adams
RT	Pat Williams
RE	Aaron Schobel
OLB	Jeff Posey
MLB	London Fletcher
OLB	Takeo Spikes
LCB	Antoine Winfield
RCB	Nate Clements
SS	Coy Wire
FS	Izell Reese

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Pos.	delicated and the same of the
K	Rian Lindell
P	Brian Moorman
KR	Bobby Shaw
PR	Shaw/Sam Aiken

the Bills were capped out and worn out. They've been aggressive (trading for Bledsoe) and decisive (franchising Peerless Price and trading him for a No. 1 pick instead of losing him outright).

@New England

1:30

Coach Gregg Williams suffered through a tough rookie year, but eased his approach in year two and the club responded. Now the pressure is on again-to land Buffalo's first playoff berth since 1999.

Rottom line

Dec. 27

The Bills addressed their biggest problems in free agency. If the improvement on the field matches the upgrade in defensive personnel, they'll again be in the hunt in the AFC East. If they can get a few leads and let their offense try to develop the running game, they'll be better balanced.

Losing Price may hurt their explosiveness, but the offense, in its second year under Gilbride and with Bledsoe leading, ought to mature. The loss of Price and the release of Centers will force the Bills to look more to the run. Again, a little defensive help will allow for greater patience.

To compete in the division, the Bills must win division games. Their only two victories came against Miami; they were swept by the New York Jets and New England. They've got to achieve at least a split.

BUFFALO BILLS

Gregg Williams, head coach

Don Blackmon, linebackers; Les Steckel, running backs; Kevin Gilbride, offensive coordinator; Fred Graves, wide receivers; Jerry Gray, defensive coordinator; Rusty Jones, strength and conditioning; Tommy Kaiser, offensive assistant/special teams assistant; Chuck Lester, defensive assistant; Tim Krumrie, defensive line;

Dan Neal, tight ends; Danny Smith, special teams coordinator; Pat Thomas, defensive backs;

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Bledsoe, Drew	QB	6-5	240	02/14/1972	10	Washington State
5	Brown, Travis	QB	6-3	212	07/17/1977	2	Northern Arizona
10	Van Pelt, Alex	QB	6-1	218	05/01/1970	8	Pittsburgh
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
79	Brown, Ruben	G	6-3	304	02/13/1972	8	Pittsburgh
69	Houghton, Mike	T	6-3	315	12/01/1979	1	San Diego State
75	Jennings, Jonas	T	6-3	320	11/21/1977	2	Georgia
73	Price, Marcus	T	6-4	314	03/03/1972	5	LSU
61	Pucillo, Mike	G	6-4	316	07/14/1979	0	Auburn
74	Sullivan, Marques	T	6-5	320	02/02/1978	2	Illinois
70	Teague, Trey	C	6-5	292	12/27/1974	4	Tennessee
68	Williams, Mike	T	6-6	370	01/11/1980	1	Texas
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
35	Burns, Joe	RB	5-9	215	09/15/1979	1	Georgia Tech
	Gary, Olandis	RB	5-11	218	05/18/1975	4	Georgia
32	Gash, Sam	RB	6-1	240	03/07/1969	11	Penn State
20	Henry, Travis	RB	5-9	220	10/29/1978	2	Tennessee
33	Morris, Sammy	RB	6-1	225	03/23/1977	3	Texas Tech
31	Parker, De'Mond	RB	5-10	185	12/24/1976	2	Oklahoma
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Campbell, Mark	TE	6-6	260	12/06/1975	3	Michigan
89	Johnson, Charles	WR	6-1	205	01/03/1972	9	Colorado
48	McDonnell, Brady	TE	6-4	265	07/24/1977	1	Colorado
83	Moore, Dave	TE	6-2	250	11/11/1969	11	Pittsburgh
80	Moulds, Eric	WR	6-2	204	07/17/1973	7	Mississippi State
	Neufeld, Ryan	TE	6-4	240	11/22/1975	2	UCLA
82	Reed, Josh	WR	5-10	203	05/01/1980	1	LSU
87	Rone, Andre	WR	5-10	180	04/14/1976	0	Mississippi
81	Shaw, Bobby	WR	6-1	183	04/23/1975	4	California
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
95	Adams, Sam	DT	6-3	330	06/13/1973	9	Texas A&M
97	Bannan, Justin	DT	6-3	300	04/18/1979	1	Colorado
71	Bowers, Andy	DE	6-5	286	02/22/1976	1	Utah
72	Cotton, James	DE	6-3	251	11/07/1976	0	Ohio State
90	Denney, Ryan	DE	6-7	276	06/15/1977	1	Brigham Young
98	Edwards, Ron	DT	6-3	305	07/12/1979	2	Texas A&M
96	Irons, Grant	DE	6-5	270	07/07/1979	1	Notre Dame
73	McKenzie, Keith	DE	6-3	273	10/17/1973	7	Ball State
77	Office, Kendrick	DE	6-5	270	08/02/1978	2	West Alabama
94 93	Schobel, Aaron	DE	6-4	265 315	04/01/1977	6	Texas Christian
	Williams, Pat	וע	6-3		10/24/1972		Texas A&M
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	CD	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
47	Brooks, Ahmad	CB	5-8	180	03/13/1980	1	Texas
22	Clements, Nate	CB	5-11	204	12/12/1979	2	Ohio State
25	Driver, Tony	S	6-1	207	08/04/1977	2	Notre Dame
30	Floyd, Marcus Prioleau, Pierson	S	5-9 5-11	180 190	10/12/1978 08/06/1977	1 4	Indiana Virginia Tech
23	Izell Reese	CB	6-2	195	05/07/1974	5	UAB UAB
	Thomas, Kevin	CB	5-11	180	07/28/1978	1	UNLV
28		CB	5-10	180	02/26/1972	7	Illinois
28	Turner Scott	CO	6-1	188	06/30/1977	4	Eastern Illinois
29	Turner, Scott Watson Chris	CR		100	06/24/1977	4	Ohio State
29 21	Watson, Chris	CB CB		180			Jino Juic
29 21 26	Watson, Chris Winfield, Antoine	CB	5-9 6-1	180 209		1	Stanford
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	2003 DRAFTEES									
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE			
1	23	McGahee, Willis	RB	6-0	223	10/20/81	Miami (FL)			
2	16	Kelsay, Chris	DE	6-4	273	10/31/79	Nebraska			
3	30	Crowell, Angelo	LB	6-0	236	8/16/81	Virginia			
4	14	McGee, Terrence	СВ	5-9	201	10/14/80	Northwestern State			
4	30	Aiken, Sam	WR	6-2	209	12/14/80	North Carolina			
5	16	Sobieski, Ben	G	6-5	307	05/03/79	lowa			
6	14	Sape, Lauvale	DT	6-1	297	08/29/80	Utah			
7	14	Haggan, Mario	LB	6-3	252	03/03/80	Mississippi State			



MIAMI DOLPHINS

Wannstedt looking for new playoff fish story

Miami needs Fiedler to step up and reach another level

alk about doing less with more. These underachievers went to pieces in the final two games and a division title there for the taking became an embarrassing playoff absence. That's after a firstround exit a year ago and a second-round bye-bye the year before. This engine is stuck in reverse.

Ricky Williams cost Miami two No. 1 picks (last year's and this) and lived up to that exceptional value, but where were the other so-called clutch players down the stretch? Or, more correctly, who are they?

True, the Dolphins lost some midseason ground when Jay Fiedler missed time with a broken thumb, but when was he anointed the next superstar quarterback? Ray Lucas' inadequacies were displayed for everyone (though apparently not management) to witness.

Miami's defense played well most of the time but, like the rest of the team, struggled on the road.



Everybody loves sunshine, the Dolphins most of all. But if they don't learn to play in winter weather in Buffalo, New England and New York (and everywhere else on the road), their January games will again consist of shuffleboard and golf.

Offensive line

This is a work-in-progress. The Dolphins re-signed Mark Dixon, who started at left tackle last year, with the idea of moving him back to left guard. But then they failed to land Wayne Gandy, whom they coveted at left tackle. So Dixon may stay on the island, but he and the club would prefer he move back inside.

There was talk of releasing center Tim Ruddy, but a contract renegotiation took care of that. Guard Jamie Nails had a great season going until he tore an Achilles' tendon. He should return.

Blocking for Williams isn't the problem. He just needs an opening to power into. The Dolphins' area of improvement must come in pass protection so that they can give Fiedler more time to make his reads.

Ouarterback

Fiedler has his fans and wins a good percentage of his starts. This may be the year in which the Dolphins find out if he can hoist a struggling team on his back when times get tough. Fiedler can move and buy time but he's not a great scrambler. He seems to have the talent of a top backup and may be miscast as a starter on a team eyeing more than just a playoff berth.

His backup, Lucas, played poorly for the most part while Fiedler sat out with a thumb injury. Lucas has been around long enough to be a better fill-in and was released in anticipation of getting Denver outcast Brian Griese, who was expected to be available in June.

This could be a problem position. Offensive coordinator Norv Turner's system asks a lot of the quarterback and Fiedler does not seem to be a great fit.

Running backs

Grade: A

DOLPHIN FACT Led by running back Ricky Williams, the Dolph

Williams went above and beyond the call of duty and expectations in his first season with Miami. Running with power and bull-like ferociousness, he took over some games and added the exclamation point in others. He was well worth the price the Dolphins paid to acquire him.

Still underrated as a receiver, Williams can catch the ball enough to see it some more in the flat.

His backup, Travis Minor, is like the Maytag repairman. No one doubts that he is a capable, but what's the point with the workhorse Williams in the house?

Fullback Rob Konrad gets very little action involving the ball, but the Dolphins moved quickly



OFFSEASON **ADDITIONS**

Maurice Anderson, DT Brendon Ayanbadejo, LB

Marco Battaglia, TE (PIT)

Terrell Buckley, CB

Derrius Thompson, WR

Jeff Zgonina, DT

(STL) Charlie Rogers, KR

(UFA-BUF) Junior Seau, LB (trade with SD)

QUOTABLE

"I think I will definitely have more speed and power going into this season, seeing how my body is back in football shape. I should be more of a weapon. I feel like I will be a better player than last year, but it depends on how I'm used."

-running back Robert Edwards, who finished second in balloting for NFL Comeback Player of the Year

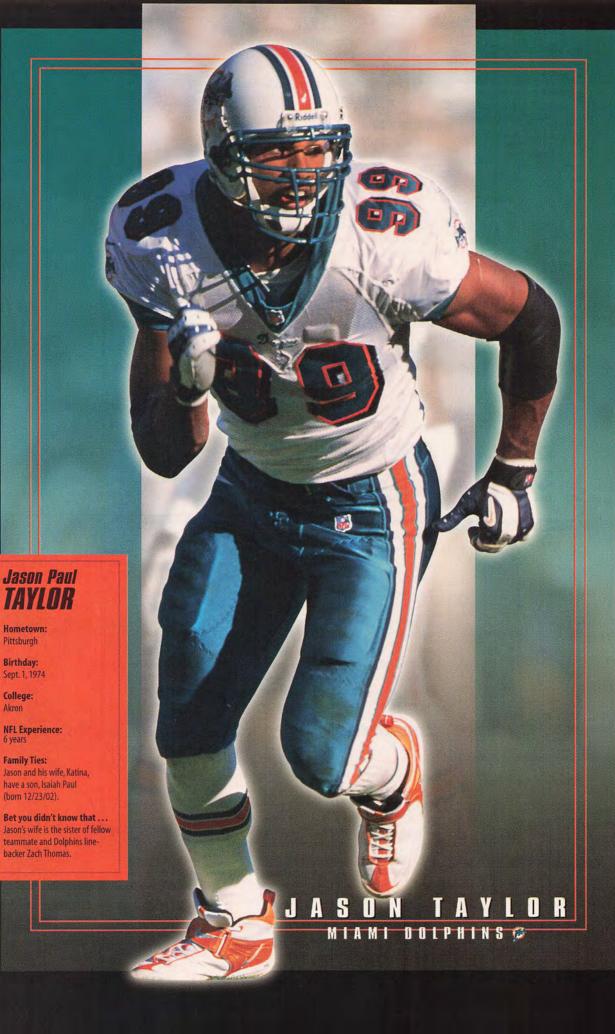
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Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	337.0	15
Rushing	156.4	2
Passing	180.6	26
Scoring	378	12
Punt Returns	9.5	17
Kick Returns	23.5	7
Red Zone TD %	64.3	2
Total Defense	291.0	3
Against Rush	97.1	5t
Against Pass	193.9	8
Points Allowed	301	4
Interceptions	21	5t
Sacks	47	4
Turnover Diff.	0	15t

139 Red Zone Offense FG Pts. 15 Touchdowns Pass Ret. Def.

318

Poss.



Jason Paul TAYLOR

Hometown: Pittsburgh

Birthday: Sept. 1, 1974

NFL Experience: 6 years **Family Ties:**

(born 12/23/02).

College: Akron

2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 7

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	09/08	W	49-21	Detroit
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	09/29	L	30-48	at Kansas City
ı	10/06	W	26-13	New England
l	10/13	W	24-22	at Denver
ı	10/20	L	10-23	Buffalo
ı	11/04	L	10-24	at Green Bay
ı	11/10	L	10-13	at New York Jets
l	11/17	W	26-7	Baltimore
١	11/24	W	30-3	San Diego
	12/01	L	21-38	at Buffalo
ı	12/09	W	27-9	Chicago
ı	12/15	W	23-17	Oakland
l	12/21	L	17-20	at Minnesota
	12/29	L	24-27	at New England
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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Williams	383	1853	4.8	63t	16
Minor	44	180	4.1	23	2
Lucas	36	126	3.5	17	2
Edwards	20	107	5.4	19	1
Fiedler	28	99	3.5	12	3
Chambers	6	78	13.0	45	0
McKnight	7	58	8.3	19	0
McMichael	1	8	8.0	8	0
Konrad	3	2	0.7	2	0
Rosenfels	2	-9	-4.5	-2	0
Dolphins	530	2502	4.7	63t	24
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Opponents	407	1554	3.8	38	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Chambers	52	734	14.1	59t	3
Williams	47	363	7.7	52	1
McMichael	39	485	12.4	45	4
Konrad	34	233	6.9	19	3
McKnight	29	528	18.2	77	2
Ward	19	172	9.1	22	0
Edwards	18	126	7.0	14	1
Gadsden	16	228	14.3	29	0
Carter	8	66	8.3	15	1
Weaver	6	75	12.5	25	3
Clark	2	42	21.0	26	0
Baker	1	17	17.0	17	0
Dolphins	271	3069	11.3	77	18
Opponents	294	3429	11.7	73t	20

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Fiedler	292	179	2024	14	9
Lucas	160	92	1045	4	6
Rosenfels	3	0	0	0	0
Dolphins	455	271	3069	18	15
Opponents	520	294	3429	20	21

Taylor 18.5, Ogunleye 9.5, Williams 6.0, Burnett 4.0, Freeman 1.5, Surtain 1.5, Chester 1.5, Bowens 1.5, Greenwood 1.0, McGarrahan 1.0, Thomas 0.5, Haley 0.5

Dolphins 47.0, Opponents 25.0

t=touchdown

to keep him from leaving as a free agent. They like his blocking and willingness to bury his ego.

Miami's obvious strength is combining a clock-controlling ground game with its defense.

Receivers Grade: B-

Chris Chambers is the best of this group and could be on the verge of stardom. He has the complete package of skills and the size to wrest the ball from defenders. He must stay healthy.

James McKnight makes the periodic big play but too often mishandles the ball. Miami is only the latest team to discover this. The acquisition of Derrius Thompson, who knows the Turner offense from his Redskins days, could and should cut into McKnight's playing time. Chambers needs an effective complement and maybe Thompson will be it. Oronde Gadsden, whose season was shortened by wrist surgery, is a tall, go-get-it type but isn't likely to be back after the questions raised last year about the timing of his operation.

Tight end Randy McMichael was a pleasant surprise as a rookie. In this offense, a tight end who can exploit the middle is a big help to the quarterback and should make 50 catches.

Defensive line Grade: A

What's not to like here? Rangy end Jason Taylor attacks the quarterback and his sack totals often obscure the other plays he makes, though he has 41.5 sacks over the past three seasons. He belongs in any ranking of the top five defensive players in the game today. The attention he draws allows more one-on-one matchups for left end Adewale Ogunleye, who has begun to flourish as a pass rusher.

The stud inside is Tim Bowens, the massive defensive tackle. He's a lane-clogger who ties up the inside running game. The Dolphins never missed Daryl Gardener and were very happy with free-agent pickup Larry Chester. Newcomer Jeff Zgonina will give them a lift inside as well. This is a line that can bring pressure in whatever combination.

Linebackers Grade: A-

This is a very strong group, but the first name that always come to mind is Zach Thomas. Now he's got big-time company in the person of Junior Seau.

Thomas, the stumpy middle linebacker, lacks a bit of range but always plays with heart and finds a way to be around the football. Want to pick on him by throwing in his coverage area? Think again. His four career interception returns for touchdowns are a club record.

Future Hall-of-Famer Seau, acquired from San Diego, figures to supplant Derrick Rodgers at weakside 'backer. This is a tough pill for Rodgers, who barged into the starting lineup as a rookie in 1997 and has



Patrick Surtain, LCB

emerged as one of those leaders the Dolphins have trouble finding.

Strongside linebacker Morlon Greenwood jumped into the starting lineup as a rookie in 2001 and does a nice job at the point of attack and in containing the tight end. He will be a restricted free agent at the end of the season.

Secondary

Rarely do cornerbacks with such great manto-man coverage skills get the opportunity to intercept as many balls as Patrick Surtain and Sam Madison. How good are they? They're the only two Dolphins cornerbacks ever selected for the Pro Bowl.

Surtain's six picks last year were the most of his five-year career, while Madison's three (for 26 in his career) moved him to fourth on the Dolphins' all-time list. He needs three to tie Glenn Blackwood, and Jake Scott, the leader with 35, is clearly in his sights.

Free safety Brock Marion gets overlooked. Year after year he produces consistently (five interceptions each of the past three seasons), but the cornerbacks hog the spotlight. Marion is dangerous running with those interceptions and is always right around 100 tackles. Arturo Freeman is a bit undersized at strong safety (6-1, 198 pounds).

Special teams Grade: A-

Olindo Mare rates right up there with kickers who can make the pressure field goal, as the Denver Broncos can attest. The Dolphins re-signed punter Mark Royals.

The Dolphins put a premium on kick and punt coverage. They allowed a meager seven vards per punt return in 2002 and did not give up a touchdown on kickoff returns or punt returns. They also failed to score on

Stadium Facts

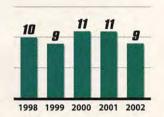
Pro Player Stadium

Capacity: 75,192 Turf: Grass Tickets: 888-346-7849

Web site: www.miamidolphins.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Miami	73,190	97.3	\$45.83	\$5.50	20oz	\$2.00	14oz	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$12.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

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2003 Schedule

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Sept. 14	@N.Y. Jets	1:00
Sept. 21	Buffalo	8:30
Sept. 28	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 5	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Oct. 12	@Jacksonville	1:00
Oct. 19	New England	1:00
Oct. 27	@San Diego	9:00
Nov. 2	Indianapolis	1:00
Nov. 9	@Tennessee	1:00
Nov. 16	Baltimore	1:00
Nov. 23	Washington	8:30
Nov. 27	@Dallas	4:05
Dec. 7	@New England	4:15
Dec. 15	Philadelphia	9:00
Dec. 21	@Buffalo	1:00
Dec. 28	N.Y. Jets	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

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Pos.	
QB	Jay Fiedler
FB	Rob Konrad
RB	Ricky Williams
LT	Mark Dixon
LG	Jamie Nails
C	Tim Ruddy
RG	Todd Perry
RT	Todd Wade
TE	Randy McMichael
WR	James McKnight
WR	Chris Chambers

DEI	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Adewale Ogunleye
LT	Tim Bowens
RT	Larry Chester
RE	Jason Taylor
OLB	Junior Seau
MLB	Zach Thomas
OLB	Morlon Greenwood
LCB	Patrick Surtain
RCB	Sam Madison
SS	Arturo Freeman
FS	Brock Marion

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
K	Olindo Mare
P	Mark Royals
KR	Charlie Rogers
PR	Charlie Rogers

returns. It's hard to see how unrestricted free agent Charlie Rogers (ex-Buffalo) helps here.

Management Grade: C

Rick Spielman may be one of the NFL's rising stars in personnel. His first draft, in 2001, produced starters Chambers and Greenwood with second- and third-round draft picks. He dealt last year's No. 1 and this year's (by virtue of production) for Williams. The Dolphins are solid in their scouting and personnel departments.

Dave Wannstedt's first three seasons yielded playoff berths, but the eliminations keep coming earlier and earlier. His hiring of

friend and longtime coaching mate Turner did not ignite offensive fires—the Dolphins ranked 15th in total offense, 26th passing. Miami's dismal death spiral with the division practically in hand was dismaying.

Bottom line

With a terrific running back and a fine defense, the Dolphins should be much better than 9-7 and an easy out when they make the playoffs. Should be. Adding up the individual parts should yield a higher grade than it ultimately does. This will be a critical year for Fiedler and his coach and a team that could blow up from frustration.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Dave Wannstedt, head coach

Keith Armstrong, special teams; Jim Bates, defensive coordinator; Doug Blevins, kicking; Clarence Brooks defensive line; Joel Collier, running backs; Robert Ford, wide receivers; John Gamble, strength and conditioning; Judd Garrett, offensive quality control; Pat Jones, tight ends; Bill Lewis, defensive nickel package; Glenn Pires, assistant defensive line/defensive quality control; Mel Phillips, secondary; Brad Roll, assistant strength and conditioning; Bob Sanders, linebackers; Mike Shula, quarterbacks; Norv Turner,

9	QUARTERBACK Fiedler, Jay	QB	HT 6-2	WT 225	17	BORN /29/1971	EXP.	COLLEGE Dartmouth
18	Rosenfels, Sage	QB	6-4	216		/06/1978	1	Iowa State
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65	Andrew, Troy	(6-4	WT 305	12	BORN /12/1977	EXP.	COLLEGE Duke
61	Borum, Jarvis	T	6-7	324		/16/1978	i	North Carolina State
63	Dixon, Mark	Ť	6-4	295		/26/1970	5	Virginia
60	Jerman, Greg	T	6-5	300		/24/1979	1	Baylor
68	McKinney, Seth	(6-3	305		/12/1979	1	Texas A&M
67	O'Neal, Matt	C	6-3	290	05	/05/1977	0	Oklahoma
75	Perry, Todd	G	6-5	310	11	/28/1970	10	Kentucky
62	Pierce, Dwayne	G	6-2	320		/14/1978	0	LSU
61	Ruddy, Tim	(6-3	295		/27/1972	9	Notre Dame
71	Wade, Todd	T	6-8	325	10	/30/1976	3	Mississippi
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Ayanbadejo, Obafemi	RB	6-2	237		/05/1975	4	San Diego State
33	Dyer, Deon	RB	5-11	255		/02/1977	3	North Carolina
47	Edwards, Robert	RB	5-11	220		/02/1974	2	Georgia
26	Henry, Leonard	RB	6-1	210		/05/1978	0	East Carolina
33	Irvin, Sedrick	RB	5-11	226		/30/1978	2	Michigan State
44 28	Konrad, Rob	RB	6-3	255		/12/1976	2	Syracuse Florida State
20	Minor, Travis Rogers, Charlie	RB RB	5-10 5-9	205 177		/30/1979 /19/1976	4	Florida State Georgia Tech
34	Williams, Ricky	RB	5-10	228		/21/1977	4	Texas
			166		3.			
83	RECEIVERS Baker, Robert	WR	5/11	WT 200	0.0	BORN /14/1976	EXP.	Auburn
85								
84	Battaglia, Marco	TE	6-3 5-11	249 210		/25/1973 /12/1978	7 2	Rutgers Wisconsin
19	Chambers, Chris Hooks, Margin	WR WR	5-11	193		/10/1978	0	Brigham Young
80	McKnight, James	WR	6-1	198		/17/1972	8	Liberty
81	McMichael, Randy	TE	6-3	247		/28/1979	1	Georgia
01	Newson, Kendall	WR	6-2	183		/05/1980	Ó	Middle Tennessee S
89	Perry, Ed	TE	6-4	270		/01/1974	6	James Madison
02	Simmons, Sam	WR	5-9	200		/25/1979	Ö	Northwestern
88	Thompson, Derrius	WR	6-2	216		/05/1977	4	Baylor
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	.,,,,,	HT	WT			EXP.	COLLEGE
75	Anderson, Maurice	DT	6-3	296	01	BORN /19/1975	0	Virginia
96	Bowens, David	DE	6-3	260		/03/1977	4	Western Illinois
95	Bowens, Tim	DT	6-4	320		/07/1973	9	Mississippi
90	Burnett, Rob	DE	6-4	267		/27/1967	13	Syracuse
64	Chester, Larry	DT	6-2	325		/17/1975	5	Temple
93	Ogunleye, Adewale	DE	6-4	255		/09/1977	2	Indiana
73	Romero, Dario	DT	6-3	305		/13/1978	0	Eastern Washington
99	Taylor, Jason	DE	6-6	260		/01/1974	6	Akron
91	Williams, Jay	DE	6-3	280		/13/1971	8	Wake Forest
67	Williams, Lamanzer	DE	6-4	272		/17/1974	1	Minnesota
	Zgonina, Jeff	DT	6-2	305	0.5	/24/1970	10	Purdue
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Buckley, Terrell	CB	5-9	176	06	/07/1971	11	Florida State
21	Fletcher, Jamar	CB	5-9	187	08	/28/1979	2	Wisconsin
27	Freeman, Arturo	5	6-1	198		/27/1976	3	South Carolina
42	Gamble, Trent	S	5-9	195		/24/1977	3	Wyoming
	Levingston, Bashir	CB	5-9	180		/02/1976	2	Eastern Washington
24	Lowe, Omare	CB	6-1	196		/20/1978	1	Washington
29	Madison, Sam	CB	5-11	185		/23/1974	6	Louisville
31	Marion, Brock	S	5-11	200		/11/1970	10	Nevada
43	McGarrahan, Scott	5	6-1	200		/12/1974	5	New Mexico
23	Surtain, Patrick	CB	5-11	192		/19/1976 //23/1973	5 7	Southern Mississipp
22	Wooden, Shawn	S	5-11	205	10			Notre Dame
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Greenwood, Morlon	LB	6-1	238		/17/1978	2	Syracuse
51	Hendricks, Tommy	LB	6-2	235		/23/1978	3	Michigan
59	Rodgers, Derrick	LB	6-1	230		/14/1971	6	Arizona State
55	Seau, Junior	LB	6-3	250		/19/1969	13	Southern California
57	Seaverns, Justin	LB	6-1	225		/02/1980	0	Appalachian State Tennessee Tech
57 54	Symonette, Josh Thomas, Zach	LB LB	5-10 5-11	225 235		6/08/1978 6/01/1973	7	Texas Tech
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#	KICKERS	-	HT	WT	,	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Mare, Olindo	K	5-10	195		6/06/1973	6	Syracuse
3	Royals, Mark	P	6-5	225 190		6/22/1965	14	Appalachian State
	Stemke, Kevin		6-3		-	1/23/1978	1	Wisconsin
		5	2003	DR	AFT	EES		
PD	PICK NAME			POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
RD 2	17 Moore, Eddi	9		LB	6-1	237	07/5/80	Tennessee
2	14 Smith, Wade	,		T	6-5	280	04/26/81	Memphis

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NEW YORK JETS

Offseason blunders slow momentum

'Care package' delivered to Washington will hurt Jets

ew teams last season looked as bad as the Jets when they stumbled to a 2-5 start or as good as the 7-2 team that rallied to win the division and slaughter Indianapolis 41-0 in the playoffs. The change of quarterbacks put Chad Pennington under center and under the gun, and the youngster responded by finishing as the highest-rated passer in the AFC. The Jets have never won back to back division titles (and, in fact, have only won two since 1970), making the current season's challenge even greater.

The Jets' offense changed personalities under Pennington, with offensive coordinator Paul Hackett more willing to take shots down the field and less reliant on the steady pounding of running back Curtis Martin. Pennington won't catch teams unaware this season and the line won't be as solid without departed guard Randy Thomas. The steady hands of passcatching fullback Richie Anderson will also be missed.

The Jets invested in defensive linemen in their recent drafts and did so again, boldly dealing up for the fourth selection and taking Kentucky defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson. They need to get more pass rush from the front four and Robertson will be expected to push the pocket from the inside. The linebackers, especially Sam Cowart and Mo Lewis, are starting to slow down and both underwent offseason surgeries. The kicking game is in flux with

Chad Pennington, QB



the free-agent loss of kicker John Hall and the release of punter Matt Turk.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

Center Kevin Mawae is among the best in the business. He's tough and nasty and sets a physical tone. Tom Nutten, who started for both of the St. Louis Rams' Super Bowl teams, steps in at guard for Thomas, who was one of the first free agents to change teams in the offseason (signing with Washington). This is not an upgrade. J.P. Machado and Dave Szott will battle at left guard.

The Jets juggled their tackles last offseason and seemed to emerge OK. Left tackle Jason Fabini has started 48 straight games and right tackle Kareem McKenzie did not commit any penalties.

Sacks are often a function of how long the quarterback holds the ball. Pennington made better use of the time he was given than did Vinny Testaverde.

Quarterback

Grade: B-

The Jets wondered if Pennington had the nerve to pull the trigger when plays didn't set up exactly as they looked on the chalkboard. They thought he might be too smart for his own good. But Pennington, urged by coach Herman Edwards to start taking chances and to rely on his sense of the play, responded. An offense that looked slow and completely stifled in early-season losses to New England and Miami showed a taste for the big play and the strike down the field.

Testaverde remains as the backup, though he asked the club for permission to explore a trade. The Jets love the way he handled his demotion with class and they hope he'll be reliable in any relief role. But he's old and slow and seemed to have problems in 2002 making decisions.

Pennington, once a questionable "future-of-the-franchise" designee, proved he could handle the weight. His statistics triggered about \$11 million in contract escalators.

Running backs

Grade: B+

Martin has been one of the league's premier pounders for years. He's a tough inside runner who ignores pain and works hard for his yards. Despite a severe ankle sprain suffered in the 2002 opener, Martin broke 1,000 yards for the eighth year in a row and went over 10,000 yards for his career. For the fourth consecutive season he started every game. That day-in, day-out mentality leads to severe wear and tear, and it's starting to show. His 261 carries marked a career low, as did his 1,094 yards.

He'll be pushed for playing time by LaMont Jordan, who shows some outside explosion, and



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Sean Bennett, RB

► Doug Brien, K

► Tyrone Carter, CB

► Curtis Conway, WR (SD)

► Albert Johnson, WR

► Phil McGeoghan, WR

(DEN) ► Tom Nutten, G (STL)

▶ Dan Stryzinski, P

► Kenyatta Wright, LB (BUF)

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MOMBERS	•	
	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	314.8	22
Rushing	101.1	22
Passing	213.6	17
Scoring	359	15
Punt Returns	16.0	1
Kick Returns	23.8	5
Red Zone TD %	59.3	4
Total Defense	341.4	24
Against Rush	123.3	18
Against Pass	218.1	21
Points Allowed	336	14
Interceptions	15	20t
Sacks	30	28
Turnover Diff.	+4	11t
First Downs		
Total Rush	Pass P	enalty
300 86	190	24
Red Zone Offens		25
Poss. Pts.	TD	FG
54 273	32	16
Touchdowns		

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Def.

Rush

Kevin MAWAE

Hometown:

Savannah, Ga.

Birthday: Jan. 23, 1971

College: Louisiana State

NFL Experience: 8 years

Family Ties: Kevin and his wife, Tracy, have a son, Kirkland (6).

Bet you didn't know that ... Kevin's brother, John, played nose guard at Louisiana State.

NEW YORK JETS 🐠

2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	37-31 (OT)	at Buffalo
09/15	L	7-44	New England
09/22	L	3-30	at Miami
09/29	L	3-28	at Jacksonville
10/06	L	25-29	Kansas City
10/20	W	20-7	Minnesota
10/27	L	21-24	Cleveland
11/03	W	44-13	at San Diego
11/10	W	13-10	Miami
11/17	W	31-14	at Detroit
11/24	W	31-13	Buffalo
12/02	L	20-26	at Oakland
12/08	W	19-13	Denver
12/15	L	13-20	at Chicago
12/22	W	30-17	at New England
12/29	W	42-17	Green Bay

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Martin	261	1094	4.2	35	7
Jordan	84	316	3.8	61t	3
Pennington	29	49	1.7	14	2
Moss	7	48	6.9	14	0
Coles	6	39	6.5	21	0
Anderson	5	27	5.4	16	0
Testaverde	2	23	11.5	24	0
Turk	1	14	14.0	14	0
Morton	4	8	2.0	6	0
Jets	400	1618	4.0	61t	12

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Opponents 427

17

53t

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Coles	89	1264	14.2	43	5
Chrebet	51	691	13.5	37	9
Martin	49	362	7.4	28	0
Anderson	45	257	5.7	15	1
Moss	30	433	14.4	47	4
Becht	28	243	8.7	21	5
Jordan	17	160	9.4	27	0
Sowell	9	85	9.4	31	1
Swayne	5	78	15.6	24	0
Morton	3	19	6.3	8	0
Baker	2	14	7.0	10	0
Woodbury	1	13	13.0	13	0
Jets	329	3619	11.0	47	35
Opponents	359	3685	10.3	72	17

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Pennington	399	275	3120	22	6
Testaverde	83	54	499	3	3
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0
Chrebet	1	0	0	0	0
Jets	485	329	3619	25	10
Opponents	551	359	3685	17	15

SACKS

J. Abraham 10.0, Evans 6.0, Ellis 4.0, Ferguson 3.0, Cowart 2.0, Mickens 2.0, Darling 1.0, Lewis 0.5, Garnes 0.5, Thomas 0.5, White 0.5

Jets 30.0, Opponents 32.0

t=touchdown

this tandem gives the Jets a classic one-two punch. Jordan can run it between the tackles but also has enough of a burst to take a toss around the end.

Fullback Anderson bailed for Dallas to be with former Jets coach Bill Parcells, so New York quickly re-signed Jerald Sowell, with the idea of making him the starter. Anderson provided great hands; Sowell will make his mark as a blocker and is really more valued for his special-teams play.

Receivers Grade: B

The Jets took a hit when they lost Laveranues Coles, a restricted free agent, to Washington's big dollars. They moved quickly to bring in Curtis Conway, but he is not the same kind of downfield threat Coles had become.

That puts the onus on Santana Moss to be the guy who stretches coverages. Moss gets up the sideline and can make the tough, over-the-shoulder grab. The knee injury he suffered his rookie year really held him back but he should be in for a breakthrough season.

Steady veteran Wayne Chrebet appeared to be a bit of an afterthought at times last season, but he's still a guy Pennington will look to in the clutch. He finds ways to get open and he makes the big play at the most important times. If the Jets lack anything in this group, it's a big-bodied possession receiver. Moss and Chrebet are not threats to grow up to be six feet tall. The tight end is not a major weapon in this offense, but Anthony Becht might see more passes coming his way with Anderson gone. He's effective around the goal line.

Defensive line Grade: C+

Pressure, more than sacks, turns games around. D-lines that force quarterbacks to hurry and make bad decisions effectively create turnovers. This is not a strength of the Jets, but it needs to become one, which explains sending two No. 1 picks to Chicago for the chance to select Robertson, who's oft-likened to Warren Sapp.

The club had previously invested a host of No. 1s up front, but only John Abraham, with his 10 sacks last year, looked like a difference-maker. Abraham has been in double digits each of the last two years. Shaun Ellis hasn't made the same strides as a rusher after a promising rookie year and rookie Bryan Thomas simply looked as if the adjustment to the NFL's speed and quickness had him befuddled.

Jason Ferguson and Josh Evans, the incumbent interior tandem, lack overwhelming size and it shows against the run. The Jets allowed 4.6 yards per carry last season and almost 2,000 rushing yards.

Linebackers Grade: C+

Respect your elders. Lewis and Marvin Jones have played a combined 21 seasons for no team but the Jets. Lewis needs 145 tackles to unseat Kyle Clifton as the club's all-time leading tackler, while Jones is third in club history.

So much for the tributes. Cowart led the team in tackles but still had the club knocking on his door for a pay cut at season's end. Of course, he was returning from an Achilles' tendon injury. Lewis has always been underrated and Jones overrated given that he was the fourth pick in the 1993 draft and never has been to the Pro Bowl.

This is a group that began graying under Parcells and has not seen sufficient infusion of younger talent. Lewis had surgery on his hip that should slow him until June and Jones had some work on a knee. Second-round pick Victor Hobson is the eventual replacement.

Secondary

Grade: B

The retooling never stops. A year ago the Jets ditched starting cornerbacks Aaron Glenn and Marcus Coleman in the expansion draft and let strong safety Victor Green go to New England. Now free safety Damien Robinson is gone as well.

Cornerbacks Donnie Abraham and Aaron Beasley fit the zone scheme well. Second-year free safety Jon McGraw steps in for Robinson. Strong safety Sam Garnes returns, but the Jets have their eye on him as well.

In the Jets' version of cover-two defense, interceptions will come when pressure up front creates the opportunities. Until the pass rush becomes more fierce, the takeaways won't be frequent.

Special teams Grade: B

Assistant coach Mike Westhoff did a great job with this group, but now he's got very little to work with. Special teams won the opener against Buffalo last year when Chad Morton returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, but the Jets mishandled their attempt to match Washington's offer to him and lost Morton. Moss is a dangerous punt returner, scoring twice and leading the AFC in punt-return average. Jordan may get a look on kickoffs.

The Jets lost kicker Hall to Washington and replaced him with Doug Brien, who botched two extra points to cost Minnesota a game and himself a job last year. This is a downgrade.

Ditto at punter, where Turk was let go after a season spent battling the winds and back spasms. In comes Dan Stryzinski, who has a reputation for hanging them high and short.

Management Grade: B-

General Manager Terry Bradway and coach Herman Edwards seem to be in a constant tug-of-war for authority and the power rests for now with Bradway. The Jets have not been big players in free agency and Bradway says teams that jump in early

Stadium Facts

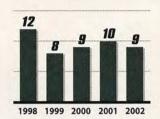
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TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
N.Y. Jets	78,602	98.9	\$57.20	\$6.25	16oz	\$3.50	20oz	\$3.75	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$17.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



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Sept. 21	@New England	1:00
Sept. 28	Dallas	4:15
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	Buffalo	4:15
Oct. 19	@Houston	4:05
Oct. 26	@Philadelphia	4:15
Nov. 2	N.Y. Giants	1:00
Nov. 9	@Oakland	4:15
Nov. 16	@Indianapolis	4:05
Nov. 23	Jacksonville	1:00
Dec.1	Tennessee	9:00
Dec.7	@Buffalo	4:15
Dec. 14	Pittsburgh	1:00
Dec. 20	New England	8:30
Dec. 28	@Miami	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

OF	LINDE
Pos.	
QB	Chad Pennington
FB	Jerald Sowell
RB	Curtis Martin
LT	Jason Fabini
LG	Dave Szott
C	Kevin Mawae
RG	Tom Nutten
RT	Kareem McKenzie
TE	Anthony Becht
WR	Curtis Conway
WR	Wayne Chrebet

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Shaun Ellis
RT	Josh Evans
LT	Dewayne Robertson
RE	John Abraham
OLB	Mo Lewis
MLB	Marvin Jones
OLB	Sam Cowart
LCB	Donnie Abraham
RCB	Aaron Beasley
SS	Sam Garnes
FS	Jon McGraw

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Doug Brien
P	Dan Stryzinski
KR	LaMont Jordan
PR	Santana Moss

overpay. Maybe so, but the Redskins' offseason raids on the Jets' talent showed every reason to be pro-active in signing your own in the future. The Morton mess hints at a lack of such thinking and careful understanding of the NFL's collectivebargaining agreement.

Edwards won over doubters last year with his determination and passion in the face of the Jets' slow start, but great turnarounds can only happen after weeks of ineptitude and that also must reflect on Edwards. Pennington's ascent bailed everyone out.

Edwards' willingness to fight when the fight seemed over helped elevate his team, and he didn't shy away from hooking a veteran quarterback for an untested kid.

Bottom line

Pennington's emergence made it seem as if all the Jets' problems revolved around the aging Testaverde. Not so. These Jets need to find ways to rush the passer and create turnovers. Despite their distaste for free agency, they may have to move more quickly and aggressively in the future. Edwards' stirring speeches to the troops can be a tonic, but a steady diet leads to tone deafness. He cannot risk another slow start in such a competitive division.

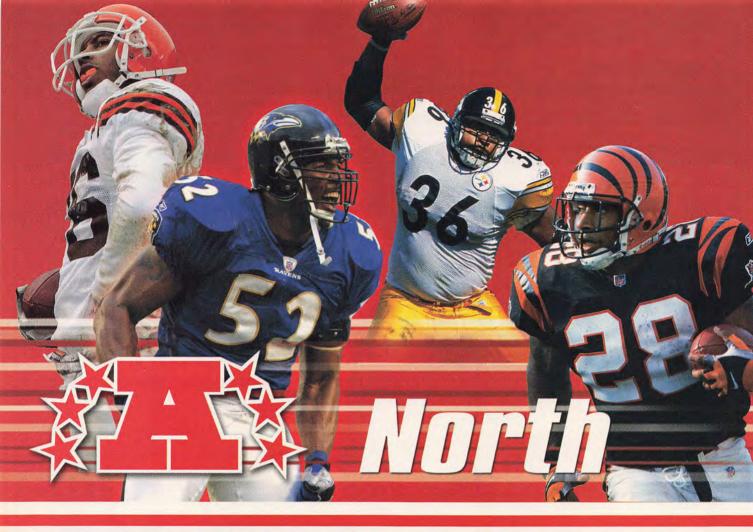
NEW YORK JETS

Herman Edwards head coach

Bill Bradley, secondary; Rubin Carter, defensive line; Ted Cottrell, defensive coordinator; Paul Hackett, offensive coordinator; Bishop Harris, running backs; Mike Henning, quality control/offensive assistant: John Lott, strength and conditioning; Doug Marrone, offensive line; David Merritt, defensive assistant; Phil Pettey, tight ends; Eric Price, quality control/offensive assistant; Jimmy Raye, assistant head coach/senior offensive assistant; Mose Rison, wide receivers; Bob Sutton, linebackers; Mike Westhoff, special teams

	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Husak, Todd	QB	6-3	215	07/06/1978	1	Stanford
10	Pennington, Chad	QB	6-3	225	06/26/1976	3	Marshall
16	Testaverde, Vinny	QB	6-5	235	11/13/1963	16	Miami (FL)
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
69	Fabini, Jason	T	6-7	304	08/25/1974	5	Cincinnati
78	Goodwin, Jonathan	G	6-3	318	12/02/1978	1	Michigan
63	Machado, J.P.	C	6-4	300	01/06/1976	4	Illinois
68	Mawae, Kevin	(6-4	289	01/23/1971	9	LSU
67	McKenzie, Kareem	T	6-6	327	05/24/1979	2	Penn State
61	Nutten, Tom	G	6-5	310	06/08/1971	6	Western Michigan
60	O'Sullivan, Dennis	(6-3	300	01/28/1976	1	Tulane
71	Smith, Chris	T	6-8	285	10/09/1979	0	California-Davis
79	Szott, Dave	G	6-4	289	12/12/1967	13	Penn State
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
34	Jordan, LaMont	RB	5-10	230	11/11/1978	2	Maryland
28	Martin, Curtis	RB	5-11	205	05/01/1973	8	Pittsburgh
33	Sowell, Jerald	RB	6-1	237	01/21/1974	6	Tulane
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
81	Baker, Chris	TE	6-3	258	11/18/1979	1	Michigan State
88	Becht, Anthony	TE	6-5	272	08/08/1977	3	West Virginia
84	Carter, Jonathan	WR	6-1	180	03/20/1979	2	Troy State
80	Chrebet, Wayne	WR	5-10	188	08/14/1973	8	Hofstra
	Conway, Curtis	WR	6-1	196	01/13/1971	10	Southern California
85	Dearth, James	TE	6-4	270	01/22/1976	3	Tarleton State
	Johnson, Albert	WR	5-9	190	11/11/1977	1	Southern Methodis
85	McGeoghan, Phil	WR	6-3	200	07/08/1979	1	Maine
83	Moss, Santana	WR	5-10	185	06/01/1979	2	Miami (FL)
82	Swayne, Kevin	WR	6-1	191	01/17/1975	2	Wayne State (NE)
89	Woodbury, Tory	WR	6-2	208	07/12/1978	2	Winston-Salem
	DEFENCIAL LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#	DEFENSIVE LINE						
# 94		DE	6-4	256	05/06/1978	3	South Carolina
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21	Hobson, Victor	LB	6-1	252	02/03/80	Michigan	
21	Askew, B.J.	RB	6-2	241	08/19/80	Michigan	
5	Pagel, Derek	S	6-1	208	10/24/79	lowa	
15	Walters, Matthew	DE	6-4	272	08/22/79	Miami (FL)	
27	Bollinger, Brooks	QB	6-1	203	11/15/79	Wisconsin	
23	Yovanovits, Dave	T	6-3	294	03/06/81	Temple	



With Maddox established, Steelers ready to place stamp on 'Division of Quarterback Controversy'

By John McClain, Houston Chronicle

If the meek shall inherit the earth, then the Cincinnati Bengals—perennial bottom-feeders—are going to win the AFC North, right?

Wrong.

At least not in this millennium.

Other than death and taxes, the only thing Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Baltimore can count on is finishing ahead of the Bengals. Count on a three-team race to win this competitive division comprised of former AFC Central rivals.

Each division member used free agency and the draft to improve, but some suffered harder hits than others.

In an AFC that figures to be wide-open as far as Super Bowl contenders, why not Pittsburgh and Cleveland coming off playoff appearances?

This is a division almost guaranteed to cook up the kind of weekly quarterback controversy that can be distracting to the point of debilitating. Will it be Kelly Holcomb or Tim Couch in Cleveland? How long can Jon Kitna hold off Carson Palmer in Cincinnati? Is Chris Redman good enough to keep rookie Kyle Boller on the bench in Baltimore?

Only Pittsburgh has the potential to avoid such an uproar. With Kordell Stewart out of the picture, Tommy Maddox is the starter and Charlie Batch is the backup. But the Steelers declined to give Maddox a new contract with a hefty raise, leaving Batch with a higher base salary.

Once again, the Steelers are expected to stand tall at the head of the class. They have more offensive firepower and, if they stay healthy on defense, they're bona fide Super Bowl contenders in Bill Cowher's 12th year as coach.

In coach Butch Davis' third season, the reborn Browns are celebrating their fifth birthday and looking to avenge a 36-33 wild-card loss at Pittsburgh. To accomplish their mission, the Browns' rebuilt defense better produce, and they must avoid the kind of QB controversy that can divide and conquer a team.

Three seasons removed from their Super Bowl victory, the playoff-starved Ravens have replenished their roster with some shrewd personnel decisions. No team took better advantage of the draft, but a team with too many rookies is like a salad with too much lettuce: too green to enjoy.

In owner Art Modell's last season before he sells the rest of his franchise, the Ravens would like nothing more than to send him on his way with another Super Bowl ring. But the truth is that Modell should have stayed around another year or two to have a realistic chance of adding to his iewelry collection.

Fans in Cincinnati, of course, wish owner Mike Brown would follow Modell into retirement. But they'll have to drag him kicking and screaming from the front office. The Bengals haven't made the playoffs since, like, World War II.

At least Brown gave Marvin Lewis the head-coaching job he's deserved for so long. Perhaps he can succeed where others have failed (see: Dick LeBeau) and resurrect a franchise that's been gasping for breath since founder Paul Brown died. the position, or they're doomed to another losing record.



CLEVELAND BROWNS

General Manager Carmen Policy was itching to trade quarterback Couch, but he might have gotten lucky when he failed. Until Holcomb proves he can stay healthy and excel over a 16-game season, the Browns are going to need two good quarterbacks if they expect to replace the Steelers as division champions. Couch might be better off with a different zip code because Holcomb is so popular with the fans and media. At this point, both seem to have too much class to let their competition deteriorate into a nasty Doug Flutie/Rob

After finishing 27th against the run and posting a 3-3 record over the last six games, including the playoff loss to the Steelers, Davis showed defensive coordinator Foge Fazio the door. He brought in Dave Campo, who was fired as Dallas' head coach. Using the cap as an excuse, the Browns got rid of some dead weight on defense, including all three starting line-backers. Almost half the defense will be comprised of first-time starters, and that inexperience could cause trouble, especially early in the season.



Something seems strangely out of whack when the Steelers are known as an offensive-oriented team whose defense and special teams no longer intimidate anyone, including the Bengals. Dating back to the Chuck Noll era and through most of Bill Cowher's career, opponents knew when they ventured into Pittsburgh that it was going to be their most physical game of the season. But that reputation seemed to vanish with Three Rivers Stadium.

Fans and media don't have Stewart to kick around anymore, which means the popular Maddox has the offense to himself. Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress combined for 2,654 yards receiving last year. Antwaan Randle El is so dangerous he should be illegal. Then there's the defense, which could be the team's Achilles' heel. Sure, the Steelers ranked first against the run and 17th overall, but the only statistic that really matters in Pittsburgh is that 18 teams allowed fewer points.



Even though he has a Super Bowl victory on his resume, Brian Billick may have done his best coaching job last season when the Ravens overcame injuries and inconsistent play to finish 7-9. They were 27th in passing and 26th in pass defense, and something must be done about both. Billick, General Manager Ozzie Newsome and personnel man Phil Savage have done an outstanding job of tearing down and rebuilding a roster ripped apart by the salary cap.

Billick changes his starting quarterback almost every year. Redman, who looked as if he were going to put a clamp on the job before he was injured last season, takes over for Jeff Blake, who wouldn't return without a guarantee he was starting. No matter how hard Billick denies it, Redman's going to be looking over his shoulder at Boller, the rifle-armed No. 1 pick out of Cal. No matter who plays, the Ravens must get some consistency out of



Johnson feud.

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Mercifully, Mike Brown finally pulled the plug on LeBeau, who took a 2-14 record with him down the drain. The only consolation for the new coach, Lewis, was the first pick in the draft, and the Browns used it on quarterback Carson Palmer, the Heisman Trophy winner. Lewis insists Palmer will watch and learn from Kitna—learn from Jon Kitna?—until he's ready to play.

The Bengals scored 279 points. Among AFC teams, only the expansion Texans scored fewer. They surrendered a league-high 456 points, even though they finished 17th in total defense. To make matters even worse, outside linebacker Takeo Spikes, their best defensive player, bolted for Buffalo. Lewis, architect of Baltimore's Super Bowl-winning defense in 2000, raised some eyebrows in the draft when his first three picks were offensive players.

Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Hines Ward, WR, Pittsburgh

Lives to make the crucial catch anywhere on the field.

RUSHER:

Cory Dillon, RB, Cincinnati

Always takes a beating but keeps on ticking.

RECEIVER:

Plaxico Burress, WR, Pittsburgh

Large target with speed and a 17-yard average per catch.

TACKLER:

Ray Lewis, LB, Baltimore

A dynamic leader and punishing presence who intimidates.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Antwaan Randle El, WR, Pittsburgh

Return specialist who shortens field for the offense.

TEAMMATE:

Kelly Holcomb, QB, Cleveland

A journeyman until last season, he hasn't let success qo to his head.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Kenard Lang, DE, Cleveland

If the Browns reach the Super Bowl, Leno and Letterman will compete for him.

INTELLECT:

Tommy Maddox, QB, Pittsburgh

Shrewd and cerebral, sold insurance business he owned to return to football.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Brian Billick, head coach, Baltimore

When it comes to offense, he's always ahead of the game.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Ozzie Newsome, Baltimore

Has almost rebuilt a roster torn apart by the salary cap.

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Modern-day, wide-open Steelers offer no shortage of potent offensive weapons

But can once-proud secondary rebound and make them whole?

hen last seen, coach Bill Cowher was dashing off the field and howling at the officials he thought cost his team an overtime loss at Tennessee in a divisional playoff game. Cowher, whose intensity level is always near the boiling point, has managed to avoid a massive heart attack as the Steelers have evolved from a team known for playing intimidating defense and special teams to a wide-open, explosive offensive attack with players capable of scoring from anywhere on the field.

The evolution of the Steelers has caused the Steel Curtain to be pulled down by opponents who have been exploiting a secondary that has withered because of injuries and age. If the Steelers manage to play just above-average defense, they have a chance to play in Super Bowl XXXVIII. But that's a big "if," even though the No. 1 draft choice was strong safety Troy Polamalu. A secondary that needed to undergo a reconstruction in free agency and the draft got only cosmetic surgery, so the same weakness could be exposed.

Offensive line Grade: B

The Steelers have invested heavily in this area because Cowher and offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey place so much emphasis on a running game that dropped from first to ninth last season. Guards Alan Faneca and Kendall Simmons, both of whom were selected in the first round, and center Jeff Hartings provide quickness and power up the middle. Faneca, a five-year veteran, has become a perennial Pro Bowl selection.

Even though the Steelers have some speed at running back, they still like to pound the ball between the tackles, methodically move the chains and eat up the clock. Marvel Smith, a former No. 2 pick, slides into the left tackle spot vacated by Wayne Gandy. Oliver Ross is the right tackle. Smith and Ross don't have the flash as the inside players, but they get the job done.

Quarterback

Grade: B-

For the first time since 1995, Pittsburgh fans won't have Kordell Stewart to kick around. Tommy Maddox is solidly entrenched as a starter coming off a roller-coaster season. Dusting off the mothballs after years of inactivity, Maddox threw 20 touchdown passes and 16 interceptions for a passing game that ranked seventh.

Maddox overcame what could have been a careerending injury after he was temporarily paralyzed
against Tennessee, causing him to miss two games.
The Steelers considered drafting a quarterback in the
first round but didn't because they believe Maddox
should be even better this season. Because of
struggles that caused him to bounce around the
league, retire when no one wanted him, enter the
insurance business and give football one more try
in the Arena League, he's become a fan favorite
ideally suited for blue-collar Pittsburgh.

Charlie Batch, a hometown favorite, returns for his second season as a backup. If Maddox is injured this season, Batch gives the Steelers a quarterback who had a lot of starting experience in Detroit.

Running backs Grade: C+

Because of injuries, the Steelers relied on a running back-by-committee approach. Amos Zereoue—not Jerome Bettis—was the leading rusher with 762 yards. Although he's short at 5-8, Zereoue gives them some quickness and shiftiness that's lacking when Bettis (666) and Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala (115) are in the lineup. In fairness to Bettis, he still scored nine touchdowns while battling injuries in what should be the twilight of his career.

Interestingly, Mularkey called on receivers Hines Ward and Antwaan Randle El to combine for 31 carries for 276 yards—an 8.9-yard average per carry. Just the threat of Ward and Randle El getting the ball on a reverse keeps the linebackers at home.

Receivers Grade: A

Ward and Plaxico Burress have become one of the NFL's most productive twosomes. Ward set a team record with 112 catches (for 1,329 yards). He also scored 12 touchdowns. He's fearless over the middle, and no receiver is tougher or more willing to block. Burress, who had 78 receptions for 1,325 yards with seven scores, is a large target who excels down the sideline, where he can use his 6-5 height to outjump the smaller cornerbacks.

Watch the multitalented Randle El (47 catches, 489 yards) emerge this season as one of the league's most dangerous weapons. Not only does he make catches all over the field and average 7.1 yards on carries, but he completed seven of eight passes, too.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Todd Fordham, OT (UFA-JAC)

Clint Kriewaldt, LB (UFA-DET)

Tim Levcik, QB

Jay Riemersma, TE (BUF)

The Steelers didn't really dive into the free-agent pool.
Offensive tackle Todd Fordham, signed away from Jacksonville, is a quality backup who can start if necessary.

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	372.0	5
Rushing	132.5	9
Passing	239.5	7
Scoring	390	8t
Punt Returns	6.9	28
Kick Returns	21.4	17
Red Zone TD %	45.9	26
Total Defense	302.2	7
Against Rush	85.9	1
Against Pass	216.3	20
Points Allowed	345	16
Interceptions	19	8t
Sacks	50	5
Turnover Diff.	0	15t

First Downs

Total Rush Pass Penalty

343 119 200 24

Red Zone Offense
Poss. Pts. TD FG

61 263 28 21

Touchdowns

Rush Pass Ret. Def.

STEELER FACT

Tommy MADDOX Hometown: Shreveport, La. Birthday: Sept. 2, 1971 College: UCLA NFL Experience: 6 years **Family Ties:** Tommy and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Kacy (9), and a son, Colby (3). **Bet you didn't know that ...**Tommy had his own insurance business for three years after his first stint with the NFL ended in

PITTSBURGH STEELERS 😌

2002 FINAL STATS Won 10, Lost 5, Tied 1

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/09	L	14-30	at New England
09/15	L	17-30	Oakland
09/29	W	16-13 (OT)	Cleveland
10/06	L	29-32	at New Orleans
10/13	W	34-7	at Cincinnati
10/21	W	28-10	Indianapolis
10/27	W	31-18	at Baltimore
11/03	W	23-20	at Cleveland
11/10	T	34-34 (OT)	Atlanta
11/17	L	23-31	at Tennessee
11/24	W	29-21	Cincinnati
12/01	W	25-23	at Jacksonville
12/08	L	6-24	Houston
12/15	W	30-14	Carolina
12/23	W	17-7	at Tampa Bay
12/29	W	34-31	Baltimore

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Zereoue	193	762	3.9	42	4
Bettis	187	666	3.6	41t	9
Stewart	43	191	4.4	28t	2
Ward	12	142	11.8	39	0
Randle El	19	134	7.1	24	0
Fuamatu-Ma'afa	la 23	115	5.0	17	0
Haynes	10	51	5.1	20	0
Maddox	19	43	2.3	21	0
Kreider	6	16	2.7	5	0
Steelers	512	2120	4.1	42	15
Opponents	359	1375	3.8	59t	16

DECEMBLE	DEC	VDC	AVIC	LONG	TD
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Ward	112	1329	11.9	72t	12
Burress	78	1325	17.0	62t	7
Randle El	47	489	10.4	36	2
Zereoue	42	341	8.1	54	0
Mathis	23	218	9.5	22	2
Kreider	18	122	6.8	15	1
Bruener	13	66	5.1	10	1
Bettis	7	57	8.1	15	0
Tuman	4	63	15.8	27	1
Haynes	3	10	3.3	7	0
Fuamatu-Ma'afa	la 2	12.0	6.0	6	0
Cushing	1	4	4.0	4	0
Steelers	350	4036	11.5	72t	26
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PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT	
Maddox	377	234	2836	20	16	
Stewart	166	109	1155	6	6	
Randle El	8	7	45	0	0	
Steelers	551	350	4036	26	22	
Opponents	573	336	3773	19	19	

SACKS

Porter 9.0, Gildon 9.0, Haggans 6.5, Smith 5.5, Bailey 5.5, Flowers 4.0, Bell 4.0, von Oelhoffen 3.0, Hampton 2.0, Alexander 1.0, Logan 0.5

Steelers 50.0, Opponents 45.0

t=touchdown

The Steelers don't utilize the tight end in the passing game as much as they used to, but that could change with the signing of Jay Riemersma, who was more of a receiver than blocker at Buffalo. Mark Bruener may be the best blocking tight end in the league. And keep an eye on Jerame Tuman, an emerging receiver at this position.

Defensive line Grade: A

The front seven returns intact. In an ideal 3-4 system, the ends are large and strong, and the nose tackle is a short, heavy, powerful anchor. The Steelers have a threesome other 3-4 coaches envy. Although the linebackers play the glamour position and get most of the attention, the linemen are the main reason Pittsburgh was first against the run.

Ends Aaron Smith and Kimo von Oelhoffen are 300-pound veterans who play head-up on tackles and stuff the run. Nose tackle Casey Hampton is 6-1 and 320. He's harder to move than a fire hydrant. In passing situations, linebackers Jason Gildon and Joey Porter drop down and rush from their outside positions. They combined for 18 sacks.

Defensive end Alonzo Jackson, the secondround draft pick from Florida State, is 6-4, 266, which is ideal for a 4-3 end. He's going to have to play in passing situations until he learns to play outside linebacker.

Linebackers Grade: A

Gildon and Porter are perfectly suited to play outside in a 3-4. They've got size, strength and

Joey Porter, LB



speed. They can stop the run, drop into coverage and harass the quarterback. Last season, for the first time, Porter passed up Gildon as the better player. Clark Haggans, who backs up Gildon, registered 6.5 sacks coming off the bench in passing situations. That's 24.5 sacks from three outside linebackers.

One reason the Steelers lost in the second round of the playoffs is because Kendrell Bell was injured and not nearly as effective as he would have been if healthy. Bell and James Farrior make a lot of plays from their inside positions. The linemen keep the center and guards away from them, and they're free to penetrate or chase down plays. When healthy, Bell is as good as any inside linebacker in the league because there's nothing he can't do. Larry Foote is an above-average backup inside.

Secondary Grade: D

Injuries, age and overall ineffectiveness contributed to the secondary being the Achilles' heel of the defense. Unless No. 1 pick Polamalu, whom the Steelers traded up in the first round to get, cracks the lineup, the four starters will be at least 29 this season. They're desperate for an infusion of youth and speed, and Polamalu fits that description perfectly. He's a 5-10, 206-pound dynamo who runs in the 4.3s. He's strong and quick and loves to roam around the line of scrimmage like a linebacker, but he can also turn and run with receivers. He gives the Steelers their first strong safety with speed in, like, forever.

Cornerbacks Dewayne Washington and Chad Scott support the run well but get beaten in man coverage too often. The coaches hope Hank Poteat, who was scorched in the playoffs, will emerge as a pure cover corner. Free safety Brent Alexander tied Porter for the team lead with four interceptions. He's more of a center-fielder type.

Fourth-round corner Ivan Taylor is a project from Louisiana-Lafayette with super speed.

Special teams Grade: D+

With better blocking, Randle El could become the league's most dangerous return threat. He was more effective on kickoff than punt returns, but that was more of an indictment of the blocking than his ability. He's sure-handed, and he's got the moves and explosiveness to shorten the field for the offense. The coverage teams were average and allowed two touchdowns on returns.

The kicking game was a sore spot until former North Carolina placekicker Jeff Reed was signed off the street. He gave the coaches consistency and confidence by connecting on 17 of 19 field goals, including 10-of-10 inside the 40. Punter Josh Miller's 32.5 net was horrendous. He also has to be more effective inside the 20.

Management

Grade: A-

Although money is usually an issue when it comes to major personnel decisions, the

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TEAM										Program	
Pittsburgh	61,284	95.1	\$49.83	\$3.75	160z	\$2.50	160z	\$2.25	\$20.00	\$4.00	\$14.95
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



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2003 Schedule					
		All Times Eastern			
Date	Opponent	Time			
Sept.7	Baltimore	1:00			
Sept. 14	@Kansas City	1:00			
Sept. 21	@Cincinnati	1:00			
Sept. 28	Tennessee	1:00			
Oct. 5	Cleveland	8:30			
Oct. 12	@Denver	4:15			
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE				
Oct. 26	St. Louis	1:00			
Nov. 2	@Seattle	4:05			
Nov. 9	Arizona	1:00			
Nov. 17	@San Francisco	9:00			
Nov. 23	@Cleveland	1:00			
Nov. 30	Cincinnati	1:00			
Dec.7	Oakland	1:00			
Dec. 14	@N.Y. Jets	1:00			
Dec. 21	San Diego	4:05			

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Tommy Maddox
FB	Dan Kreider
RB	Jerome Bettis
LT	Marvel Smith
LG	Alan Faneca
C	Jeff Hartings
RG	Kendall Simmons
RT	Oliver Ross
TE	Mark Bruener
WR	Hines Ward
WR	Plaxico Burress

DEFENSE

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LE	Aaron Smith
NT	Casey Hampton
RE	Kimo von Oelhoffen
OLB	Jason Gildon
ILB	James Farrior
ILB	Kendrell Bell
OLB	Joey Porter
CB	Chad Scott
CB	Dewayne Washington
SS	Troy Polamalu
FS	Brent Alexander

SPECIAL TEAMS

8:30

P	Josh Miller
K	Jeff Reed
PR	Antwaan Ra
KR	Lee Mays

Steelers always manage to stay at or near the top because of excellent coaching and superb organization. Cowher enters his 13th season as a pillar of consistency. Although his assistants come and go, his intensity and enthusiasm are unparalleled. He also has been willing to adapt, evidenced by the Steelers becoming a wide-open, passing-oriented team that committed just as many turnovers as it forced.

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Dec. 28

Owner Dan Rooney oversees the operation. He's always around as a voice of reason. Director of Football Operations Kevin Colbert doesn't get a lot of recognition, but he's solid gold when it comes to making

decisions or delegating authority. The Steelers don't spend enough money to have a large front office, but they get as much or more out of their people as any team.

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Bottom line

With very little turnover, the Steelers should be able to hold off the Browns and Ravens and win the AFC North again. They have just as good a chance to reach the Super Bowl as any AFC team. The question on offense is who will emerge as the heavy-duty runner? The question on defense is can the secondary avoid being the weak link again?



PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Bill Cowher, head coach

Tim Lewis, defensive coordinator; Mike Mularkey, offensive coordinator; Keith Butler, linebackers: Tom Clements, quarterbacks; Russ Grimm, offensive line; Dick Hoak, running backs; Kenny Jackson, wide receivers; John Mitchell, defensive line; Darren Perry, assistant defensive backs; Willy Robinson, defensive backs; Kevin Spencer, special teams; Ken Whisenhunt, tight ends; Chet Fuhrman, conditioning

	QUARTERBACK	4	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
16	Batch, Charlie	QB	6-2	220	12/05/1974	4	Eastern Michigan
8	Maddox, Tommy	QB	6-4	220	09/02/1971	6	UCLA
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
76	Costa, Dave	T	6-5	307	09/08/1978	1	Wisconsin
66	Faneca, Alan	G	6-5	305	12/07/1976	5	LSU
78	Fordham, Todd	T	6-5	315	10/09/1973	5	Florida State
64	Hartings, Jeff	C	6-3	295	09/07/1972	7	Penn State
78	Nkwenti, Mathias	T	6-3	300	05/11/1978	1	Temple
56	Okobi, Chukky	(6-1	310	11/18/1978	2	Purdue
79 54	Ross, Oliver	G	6-5	314	09/27/1974	3	Iowa State
73	Schneck, Mike Simmons, Kendall	C	6-1	246 313	08/04/1977	4	Wisconsin
77	Smith, Marvel	T	6-5	308	03/11/1979	1 3	Auburn Arizona Stato
68	Vincent, Keydrick	G	6-5	330	08/06/1978 04/13/1978	3	Arizona State
		d			04/13/19/6	3	Mississippi
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
36	Bettis, Jerome	RB	5-11	256	02/16/1972	10	Notre Dame
45	Fuamatu-Ma'afala, Chris		5-11	254	03/04/1977	5	Utah
34	Haynes, Verron	RB	5-10	223	02/17/1979	1	Georgia
35	Kreider, Dan	RB	5-11	246	03/11/1977	3	New Hampshire
44	Ours, Wes	RB	6-1	284	12/30/1977	1	West Virginia
21	Zereoue, Amos	RB	5-8	207	10/08/1976	4	West Virginia
#	RECEIVERS	3 1	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Bruener, Mark	TE	6-4	260	09/16/1972	8	Washington
80	Burress, Plaxico	WR	6-5	226	08/12/1977	3	Michigan State
48	Cushing, Matt	TE	6-4	260	07/02/1975	4	Illinois
89	Mays, Lee	WR	6-2	192	09/18/1978	1	UTEP
82	Randle El, Antwaan	WR	5-10	184	08/17/1979	1	Indiana
85	Riemersma, Jay	TE	6-5	252	05/17/1973	6	Michigan
84	Tuman, Jerame	TE	6-4	270	03/24/1976	4	Michigan
86	Ward, Hines	WR	6-1	200	03/08/1976	5	Georgia
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
94	Bailey, Rodney	DE	6-3	300	10/07/1979	2	Ohio State
96	Clancy, Kendrick	NT	6-1	289	09/17/1978	3	Mississippi
98	Hampton, Casey	DT	6-1	320	09/03/1977	2	Texas
76	Hoke, Chris	DT	6-3	290	04/06/1976	0	Brigham Young
99	Keisel, Brett	DE	6-5	269	09/19/1978	1	Brigham Young
91	Smith, Aaron	DE	6-5	300	04/09/1976	4	Northern Colorado
67	von Oelhoffen, Kimo	DT	6-4	300	01/30/1971	9	Boise State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	70.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
27	Alexander, Brent	5	5-11	200	07/10/1971	9	Tennessee State
28	Hope, Chris	5	6-1	204	09/29/1980	1	Florida State
29	Iwuoma, Chidi	CB	5-8	180	02/19/1978	2	California
31	Logan, Mike	CB	6-0	210	09/15/1974	6	West Virginia
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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	16	Polamalu, Troy	S	5-10	206	04/19/81	USC
2	27	Jackson, Alonzo	DE	6-4	266	09/15/80	Florida State
4	28	Taylor, Ivan	CB	6-1	202	05/05/80	Louisiana-Lafayette
	28	St. Pierre, Brian	QB	6-3	218	11/28/79	Boston College
7	28	Wall, J.T.	RB	5-11	261	09/12/79	Georgia



RAVENS

Ravens appear ready to make another serious run as a big-time contender

Newsome, Billick & Co. have smartly built back Baltimore

f everything turns out the way they anticipate, the Ravens will have undergone an amazing transformation in 14 months. A return to the playoffs would be a heartfelt going-away present for Art Modell entering his last season as owner. And it's not out of the question.

Because of salary-cap restrictions, the Ravens went from being Super Bowl XXXV champions to a wild-card team to 7-9 last season, when they had a league-high 19 rookies on their opening-day roster and were the youngest team in the league. What General Manager Ozzie Newsome, personnel guru Phil Savage and coach Brian Billick have done in the draft and free agency should be a textbook example of how to rebuild a team in lightning-quick fashion.

After consecutive playoff appearances in 2000 and 2001, the Ravens were forced to dump highsalaried players, including some of their best ones, but their record dipped to only 7-9 last season. Despite middle linebacker Ray Lewis missing 11 games and starting quarterback Chris Redman going down after six games, they suffered five losses by three or fewer points. They stood 7-7 and in playoff contention but lost the last two by one and three points, respectively, to the Browns and Steelers, both of whom made the playoffs.

Offensive line

One reason Billick is a premier coach is because he believes strongly in controlling the ball with the running game. The Ravens are loaded with quality linemen who communicate well and are tenacious run blockers.

Jonathan Ogden may be the best left tackle in the league. There's nothing he can't do. They lured the gargantuan Orlando Brown out of retirement to play right tackle. They're the only team in the league with tackles who stand 6-9 and 6-7. Drafting Tony Pashos, a mere 6-6, 337, in the fifth round could turn out to be a steal.

Guard Edwin Mulitalo and center Mike Flynn are veteran starters who are vastly underrated.

Bennie Anderson is a top-notch right guard. The inside linemen are better run blockers than pass protectors.

Quarterback

Grade: C-

Another season, another starting quarterback for Billick. Redman, a third-round pick in 2000, gets another shot after throwing seven touchdown passes and three interceptions before he was injured last season. Jeff Blake, who replaced Redman, didn't return because he wasn't guaranteed a starting spot. The jury's still out on Redman, of course, and he's going to play under enormous pressure because rookie first-rounder Kyle Boller, whom the Ravens traded a No. 1 pick in 2004 to get, is going to be the fan favorite.

Ideally, the Ravens will be able to run the ball well enough to keep Redman from having to win games. They'll monitor his progress and let Boller watch and learn. The Ravens proved with Trent Dilfer they can win without having an outstanding starter, but Boller could be something special. Just not as a rookie.

Running backs

Grade: A-

Because of Billick's emphasis on running the ball to control the clock and keep the defense off the field, he can never have enough good backs. Remember when Priest Holmes backed up Jamal Lewis as a rookie? Lewis did the heavy-duty work last season with 308 carries and 1,327 yards and six touchdowns. He's a workhorse who runs hard between the tackles and moves the chains. He also caught 47 passes and averaged almost 10 yards a catch.

Chester Taylor, a sixth-round pick last year, was the backup. That could change with the selection of Musa Smith. The Georgia underclassman was a bargain in the third round. He's capable of becoming a starter. Not only were the Ravens fortunate enough to get Smith, but they also picked Wake Forest's Ovie Mughelli, the draft's best fullback prospect, in the fourth round. Mughelli is a 255-pound load who can block and catch well enough to also play tight end. Don't be surprised if he beats out Alan Ricard as the starting fullback.

Receivers

Chris McAlister returned a missed FG for a 107-yard TD

RAVEN FACT

Todd Heap emerged as a premier pass-catching tight end in his second season. He led the team with 68 catches for 836 yards and six touchdowns. Heap has size and speed to get open anywhere on the field. His hands are outstanding, and he runs well after the catch.

The best wideout is Travis Taylor (61 receptions, 869 yards, 6 TDs), who's a legitimate deep threat. The coaches believe that Taylor, a former No. 1 pick entering his fourth season, is ready to



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Orlando Brown, OT Corey Fuller, CB (CLE)

Marcus Robinson, WR (CHI)

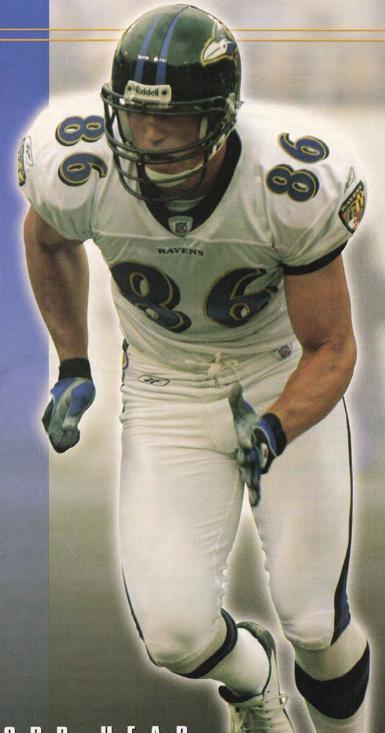
Frank Sanders, WR (UFA-AZ)

Because of cap limitations, the Ravens weren't a serious player in free agency. The most prominent names were veteran receiver Frank Sanders, who should start opposite Travis Taylor, and ex-Chicago wideout Marcus Robinson, who could start ahead of Sanders if he stays healthy.

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	289.9	26
Rushing	112.0	16
Passing	177.9	27
Scoring	316	23t
Punt Returns	11.3	8
Kick Returns	21.1	19
Red Zone TD %	50.0	21
Total Defense	334.6	22
Against Rush	110.1	13
Against Pass	224.4	26
Points Allowed	354	19
Interceptions	25	2
Sacks	33	23
Turnover Diff.	-1	17

First Downs
Total Rush Pass Penalty 261 90 Red Zone Offense Poss. Pts. TD FG 38 174 13 Touchdowns Def. Pass Ret. Rush



Todd Benjamin **HEAP**

Hometown: Mesa, Ariz.

Birthday: Mar. 16, 1980

College: Arizona State

NFL Experience: 2 years

Family Ties: Wife, Ashley

Bet you didn't know that ... Todd's grandfather, Theo, and great uncle, Verl, played basketball at Arizona State.

BALTIMORE RAVENS 🥸

2002 FINAL STATS Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	7-10	at Carolina
09/15	L	0-25	Tampa Bay
09/30	W	34-23	Denver
10/06	W	26-21	at Cleveland
10/13	L	20-22	at Indianapolis
10/20	W	17-10	Jacksonville
10/27	L	18-31	Pittsburgh
11/03	L	17-20	at Atlanta
11/10	W	38-27	Cincinnati
11/17	L	7-26	at Miami
11/24	W	13-12	Tennessee
12/01	W	27-23	at Cincinnati
12/08	L	25-37	New Orleans
12/15	W	23-19	at Houston
12/22	L	13-14	Cleveland
12/29	L	31-34	at Pittsburgh

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
J. Lewis	308	1327	4.3	75	6
C. Taylor	33	122	3.7	17	0
Blake	39	106	2.7	17	1
T. Taylor	11	105	9.5	39	0
Ricard	14	58	4.1	19t	2
Неар	4	38	9.5	15	0
Stokley	6	31	5.2	14	0
J. Hunter	1	9	9.0	9	0
Redman	10	8	0.8	6	0
Zastudil	1	-12	-12.0	-12	0
Ravens	427	1792	4.2	75	9

DECEIVING	DEC	VDC	AVG	LONG	TD	1
Opponents	471	1762	3.7	35t	17	
Ravens	427	1792	4.2	75	9	

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Неар	68	836	12.3	43	6
T. Taylor	61	869	14.2	64	6
J. Lewis	47	442	9.4	77t	1
Stokley	24	357	14.9	35t	2
C.Taylor	14	129	9.2	20t	2
T. Jones	11	106	9.6	27	1
Johnson	10	114	11.4	33	1
Ricard	10	60	6.0	17	0
Hymes	6	123	20.5	43	0
J. Jones	6	47	7.8	18	1
J. Hunter	5	35	7.0	8	0
Ravens	262	3118	11.9	77t	20

Ravens	262	3118	11.9	77t	20
Opponents	360	3823	10.6	54	16

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Blake	295	165	2084	13	11
Redman	182	97	1034	7	3
Heap	1	0	0	0	0
Zastudil	1	0	0	0	0
Ravens	479	262	3118	20	14
Opponents	573	360	3823	16	25

SACKS

Boulware 7.0, Weaver 3.5, Hartwell 3.0, A.Thomas 3.0, Gregg 2.0, Harris 2.0, Kemoeatu 2.0, McCrary 2.0, Brown 1.5, Demps 1.0, Douglas 1.0, Parker 1.0, Reed 1.0, Trapp 1.0

Ravens 33.0, Opponents 41.0

t=touchdown

become one of the best players in the league at his position. If Taylor is to make that jump, he needs help on the other side to alleviate some double coverage. The Ravens signed free agent Frank Sanders, who had 34 catches last season at Arizona, and Marcus Robinson, who had 21 with the Bears before a knee injury ruined his season. Perhaps Ron Johnson will step from the shadows in his second season.

Defensive line Grade: B

In defensive coordinator Mike Nolan's 3-4 scheme, the linemen have to be able to get leverage, grab, hold and keep the blockers off the linebackers. The Ravens' front is superb at it. End Anthony Weaver, a second-round pick last year, was second on the team in sacks. He moves inside in passing situations. The other end, Adalius Thomas, has shown remarkable improvement. Two draft choices, Jarret Johnson and Aubrayo Franklin, should contribute at end and tackle.

In passing situations, outside linebackers Peter Boulware and first-rounder Terrell Suggs will drop down to rush. Boulware is one of the league's premier players at his position. Suggs set an NCAA record with 24 sacks as a junior at Arizona State last season. His stock dropped because he gained weight to try to fit into a 4-3 but ran in the 4.8s in workouts. Slipping to the Ravens in the 10th spot was a actually a godsend for Suggs because he'll make the shift to an outside linebacker who'll spend most of his time chasing the quarterback.

Linebackers

Grade: A

Having Ray Lewis back in the middle means more to the Ravens than any acquisition they could have made. Without the injured Lewis for 11 games, the Ravens plunged to 13th against the run. Not only is

Ray Lewis, LB



Lewis an intimidator who never leaves the field, but he might be the most inspirational team leader in the NFL. Lewis will help guide Suggs in his transition to outside linebacker. If Suggs struggles in coverage at first, they can cover for him.

Suggs is doing what Boulware had to do when he adjusted from stand-up end in college to outside linebacker with the Ravens. Pity opposing quarterbacks not knowing if the blitz is coming from the outside with Boulware or Suggs or from Lewis in the middle. Edgerton Hartwell, the other inside linebacker, has fit well into the system. He plays the run well. The Ravens, who also have depth in this area, hired former Chicago great Mike Singletary to coach the linebackers. Singletary, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, has returned to the game for the first time since he retired from the Bears after the 1992 season. If he coaches half as well as he played, he should be exceptional in his new role.

Secondary

Grade: A-

In recent years, the Ravens have invested heavily in high-quality defensive backs. Cornerback Chris McAlister and strong safety Ed Reed were No. 1 picks. McAlister is one of the NFL's best at his position. He can cover and play the run. Reed led the team with five interceptions as a rookie. The other corner, Gary Baxter, was a second-round pick in 2001. He can play cornerback or safety. Baxter (6-2, 204) and McAlister (6-1, 206) have the kind of size necessary to stop the run.

The Ravens might be the only team in the league with corners taller than the safeties. Reed (5-11) runs like a cornerback. Corey Fuller (5-10), a free agent who started at corner in Cleveland, is the newest addition to the secondary. He's a physical player with experience but can't run as well as he once did to consistently cover receivers. Tom Knight, a reserve cornerback, is a former No. 1 pick for the Cardinals.

Special teams

Grade: C

Kicker Matt Stover enters his 14th season. He slipped to 96 points last season, but it wasn't his fault. He was 21-of-25 on field goals and needed more attempts to improve his scoring total. If a team needs a crucial kick to win, Stover can excel under pressure. In his rookie season, punter Dave Zastudil had a 41.6 gross and a 33.7 net average. The Ravens' coaches want their punter to put the ball inside the 20 because they figure there aren't many offenses that can consistently drive more than 80 yards against their defense. And they're usually right. Zastudil had 31 punts land inside the 20 and five touchbacks.

The coaches would prefer McAlister not return punts because he's too valuable in the secondary to risk injury. Chester Taylor is

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Projected Starters

Chris Redman

Alan Ricard

Jamal Lewis

Jonathan Ogden

Bennie Anderson

Orlando Brown

Frank Sanders

Anthony Weaver

Adalius Thomas **OLB Terrell Suggs**

Chris McAlister

Gary Baxter

SPECIAL TEAMS

Dave Zastudil Matt Stover

Chris McAlister Chester Taylor

Edward Reed Corey Fuller

Edgerton Hartwell

Kelly Gregg

Ray Lewis OLB Peter Boulware

Travis Taylor

Todd Hean

Edwin Mulitalo Mike Flynn

OFFENSE Pos.

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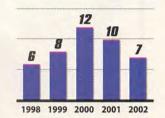
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DEFENSE Pos. LE

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Cap.	Avg.Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Baltimore	69,341	100.4	\$50.14	\$6.00	20oz	\$4.00	20oz	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$17.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	@Pittsburgh	1:00
Sept. 14	Cleveland	1:00
Sept. 21	@San Diego	4:15
Sept. 28	Kansas City	1:00
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 12	@Arizona	4:15
Oct. 19	@Cincinnati	1:00
Oct. 26	Denver	1:00
Nov. 2	Jacksonville	1:00
Nov. 9	@St. Louis	8:30
Nov. 16	@Miami	1:00
Nov. 23	Seattle	1:00
Nov. 30	San Francisco	1:00
Dec. 7	Cincinnati	1:00
Dec. 14	@Oakland	4:05
Dec. 21	@Cleveland	1:00
Dec. 28	Pittsburgh	8:30

It's difficult to name a front better job in this era of free agency and the salary cap.

Management Grade: C

Don't expect Billick to allow that

average on kickoff returns. The

coverage teams were terrible. They allowed three touchdowns.

kind of performance again.

The Ravens have an outstanding front office and coaching staff. Ozzie Newsome, Phil Savage and Brian Billick are a trio that's hard to beat. They manipulated the salary cap impressively, and they've rebuilt by stockpiling draft picks, using them wisely and by getting bargain-basement free agents who can contribute. They work well together. They have good scouts and assistant coaches.

office that consistently does a

Bottom line

Although quarterback is still unsettled, the Ravens have made enough moves to be a bona fide playoff contender. Their roster turnover has made them one of the NFL's younger teams for the second consecutive year, but the coaching staff is smart enough to hide some weaknesses. Watch them run the ball into a 10-win season and a possible playoff appearance in a year in which their defense will be one of the most feared in the league.

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Brian Billick, head coach

Matt Cavanaugh, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks; Jim Colletto, offensive line; Jeff Friday, strength and conditioning; Wade Harman, tight ends/assistant offensive line; Donnie Henderson, secondary; Mike Nolan, defensive coordinator: Paul Ricci, assistant strength and conditioning: Rex Rvan, defensive line: David Shaw, quarterbacks/receivers; Matt Simon, running backs; Mike Singletary, linebackers; Mike Pettine, coaching assistant/quality control

#	QUARTERBACK	0.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Redman, Chris Wright, Anthony	QB QB	6-3	223	07/07/77 02/14/76	2	Louisville South Carolina
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# 77	OFFENSIVE LINE Brooks, Ethan	T	HT 6-6	WT 297	BORN 04/27/72	EXP.	Williams
77	Brown, Orlando	Ť	6-7	350	12/12/70	6	South Carolina Stat
63	Collins, Mike	G	6-5	290	08/27/78	0	Wake Forest
72	Cook, Damion	T	6-6	343	04/16/79	1	Bethune-Cookman
62	Flynn, Mike	Ċ	6-3	305	06/15/74	5	Maine
59	Maese, Joe	C	6-1	241	12/02/78	2	New Mexico
64	Mulitalo, Edwin	G	6-3	340	09/01/74	4	Arizona
75	Ogden, Jonathan	T	6-9	340	07/31/74	7	UCLA
61	Rabach, Casey	C	6-4	301	09/24/77	1	Wisconsin
73	Smith, Lawrence	I	6-3	295	08/16/79	0	Tennessee State
65	Thomas, Jason	G	6-3	300	07/10/77	1	Hampton
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
23	Hunter, Dameon	RB	5-11	221	02/18/79	1	Utah
31	Lewis, Jamal	RB	5-11	231	08/29/79	2	Tennessee
33	Morrow, Harold	RB	5-11	232	02/24/73	7	Auburn
39	Ricard, Alan	RB	5-11	237	01/17/77	2	Louisiana-Monroe
29	Taylor, Chester	RB	5-11	213	09/22/79	1	Toledo
#	RECEIVERS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
86	Heap, Todd	TE	6-5	252	03/16/80	2	Arizona State
81	Hymes, Randy	WR	6-3	211	08/07/79	1	Grambling State
83 88	Johnson, Ron Jones, John	WR TE	6-2	225 255	05/23/80 04/04/75	3	Minnesota Indiana (PA)
82	Jones, Terry	TE	6-3	265	12/03/79	1	Alabama
81	Sanders, Frank	WR	6-2	215	02/17/73	8	Auburn
89	Taylor, Travis	WR	6-1	200	03/30/78	3	Florida
85	Wynn, Milton	WR	6-2	207	09/21/78	2	Washington State
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
94	Douglas, Marques	DE	6-2	280	03/05/1977	3	Howard
97	Gregg, Kelly	DT	6-1	310	11/01/76	3	Oklahoma
92	Kemoeatu, Maake	DT	6-5	330	01/10/79	1	Utah
99	McCrary, Michael	DE	6-4	260	07/07/1970	10	Wake Forest
70	Nugent, David	DE	6-4	295	10/27/77	3	Purdue
91	Parker, Riddick	DE	6-3	295	11/20/72	6	North Carolina
95	Salave'a, Joe	DT	6-3	295	03/23/75	4	Arizona
98	Weaver, Anthony	DE	6-3	300	07/28/80	1	Notre Dame
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	- 5.5	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Baxter, Gary	CB	6-2	204	11/24/78	2	Baylor
45	Brightful, Lamont	CB	5-10	170	01/29/79	1	Eastern Washingto
47	Demps, Will	S	5-11	205	11/07/79	1	San Diego State
25 34	Fuller, Corey Knight, Tom	CB CB	5-10 6-1	210	05/01/71 12/29/74	8	Florida State Iowa
21	McAlister, Chris	CB	6-1	202	06/14/77	5	Arizona
42	Mitchell, Anthony	5	6-1	211	12/13/74	3	Tuskegee
25	Perryman, Raymond	5	6-1	204	11/27/78	1	Northern Arizona
24	Porter, Alvin	CB	5-11	175	05/10/77	2	Oklahoma State
20	Reed, Edward	5	5-11	205	09/11/78	1	Miami (FL)
38	Trapp, James	CB	6-1	190	12/28/69	10	Clemson
49	Williams, Chad	5	5-9	207	01/22/79	1	Southern Mississip
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
58	Boulware, Peter	LB	6-4	255	12/18/74	6	Florida State
90	Brown, Cornell	LB	6-1	245	03/15/75	5	Virginia Tech
51	Harris, Bernardo	LB	6-2	250	10/15/71	8	North Carolina
56	Hartwell, Edgerton	LB	6-1	250	05/27/78	2	Western Illinois
52	Lewis, Ray	LB	6-1	245	05/15/75	7	Miami (FL)
57	Scott, Bart	LB	6-2	235	08/18/80	1	Southern Illinois
96	Thomas, Adalius	LB	6-2	270	08/17/77	3	Southern Mississip
#	KICKERS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Stover, Matt	K	5-11	178	01/27/68	13	Louisiana Tech
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15	Zastudil, Dave	P	6-3	225	10/26/78	1	Ohio

2003 DRAFTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	10	Suggs, Terrell	DE	6-3	262	10/11/82	Arizona State
1	19	Boller, Kyle	QB	6-3	234	06/17/81	California
3	13	Smith, Musa	RB	6-1	232	05/31/82	Georgia
4	12	Johnson, Jarret	DT	6-2	284	08/14/81	Alabama
4	37	Mughelli, Ovie	RB	6-1	255	07/10/80	Wake Forest
5	11	Franklin, Aubrayo	DT	6-1	307	08/27/80	Tennessee
5	38	Pashos, Tony	T	6-6	337	08/03/80	Illinois
6	9	Sapp, Gerome	S	6-1	216	02/08/81	Notre Dame
7	9	Smith, Trent	TE	6-5	243	09/15/78	Oklahoma
7	36	Mabry, Mike	C	6-1	295	04/26/80	UCF
7	44	Sanders, Antwoine	S	6-2	202	09/22/77	Utah



CLEVELAND BROWNS

With QB controversy again on horizon, talented Browns will try to keep their focus

Overhaul of defense expected to pay dividends

n their fourth season since being reborn, the Browns sneaked into the playoffs as the only 9-7 wild-card team. They've had a long time to think about their playoff elimination-a 36-33 defeat at Pittsburgh, where they allowed the Steelers to stage a miracle rally in the snow. That kind of loss, at the hands of their most bitter rival, has made the Browns downright ravenous entering the offseason.

Coach Butch Davis took a long look at his team, and it's no secret where he placed the blame. Davis decided to retool his defense. He dumped linebackers Earl Holmes, Jamir Miller and Dwayne Rudd and cornerback Corey Fuller. He brought in fired Cowboys head coach Dave Campo as defensive coordinator. He went public to light a fire under defensive tackle Gerard Warren.

But even if the defense improves, Davis still has one problem; an old-fashioned quarterback controversy, the kind that could get ugly and divide the team unless Kelly Holcomb and Tim Couch can bite their tongues and come to grips with the fact that they'll be competing for one more season.

Offensive line Grade: C+

For the first time since they returned to the league, the Browns used a No. 1 pick on a lineman, center Jeff Faine. He'll start immediately and anchor a line that is above average at tackle with veterans Ross Verba and Ryan Tucker and average at guard with Barry Stokes and ex-center Shaun O'Hara. The Browns received a lot of criticism for using their first-round pick on Faine, but he has Pro Bowl potential, and he can also play guard.

The run blocking improved last season, especially over the second half, and the pass protection was decent. If Tucker and Verba, who have experienced injury problems during their careers, stay healthy, the pass protection will get a lot better. Overall, if the linemen can avoid injuries, this could be Cleveland's strongest group since the old Browns were still in town.

Quarterback

By blowing the playoff game at Pittsburgh, the Browns wasted one of the greatest playoff performances by a quarterback in NFL history-Holcomb's 429-yard, three-touchdown performance in the snow. Holcomb emerged last season as the fan favorite over Tim Couch, the first pick in 1999. Holcomb had an advantage over Couch because he played under first-year offensive coordinator Bruce Arians at Indianapolis.

It was evident to most who watched that Holcomb was more comfortable in the system. Playing when Couch was injured, he had eight touchdowns and four interceptions. Couch had 18 of both. Davis has done everything possible to avoid a big-time quarterback controversy, but it's inevitable. As the Browns proved last season when both were injured, they need two quarterbacks to make the playoffs. They'll have two good ones for another season until they're forced to deal one because of the salary cap.

Running backs

William Green, last year's No. 1 pick, struggled early but took off like a rocket over the second half. He should improve dramatically on his 887 yards rushing. Playing primarily in a one-back set, Green proved he can run in just about any condition, but he needs to improve as a receiver. If he picks up where he left off last season, Green could become an elite back.

Jamel White, a former starter, is a quality backup who was second on the team with 63 catches. There was talk of trading him, but they wised up and kept the fourth-year man. He's valuable insurance in case Green is injured or suffers a sophomore jinx.

Don't count out rookie Lee Suggs. He could become a fourth-round steal. If his knees hold up, Suggs could supplant White as Green's backup. The Virginia Tech product dropped so far in the draft because of injury concerns.

Receivers

Grade: B

The Browns don't have an outstanding receiver, but they do have outstanding depth. Kevin Johnson led the team with 67 catches, but Quincy Morgan (56), Dennis Northcutt (38) and Andre' Davis (37) combined for 18 touchdown catches. It doesn't matter who's playing quarterback, the ball is spread to different receivers. That diversity gives the Browns one of the league's most dangerous groups.

Northcutt had five touchdown catches, one touchdown rushing and two touchdowns on returns. His versatility makes him invaluable. Watch this foursome get even better this season. There's not a better group in the league.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Barry Gardner, LB (PHI)

QUOTABLE

"I think when you identify traits and qualities of guys that can get you to the next level, (I like) guys that are football junkies and absolutely love the game and have passion about it and are tough and nasty and love getting muddy and bloody and stuff. How can you not love a guy like that for the Cleveland Browns?"

-Browns coach Butch Davis on top draft pick Jeff Faine

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	314.2	23
Rushing	100.9	23
Passing	213.3	18
Scoring	344	19
Punt Returns	13.2	5
Kick Returns	20.2	27
Red Zone TD %	53.5	14
Total Defense	334.3	21
Against Rush	129.9	27
Against Pass	204.3	15
Points Allowed	320	10
Interceptions	17	15t
Sacks	28	27
Turnover Diff.	-2	18t

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Red Zone Offense Poss. Pts. TD Poss. 43 Touchdowns Pass Ret. Rush Def.

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Kevin L. **Johnson**

Hometown: Trenton, N.J.

Birthday: July 15, 1976

College: Syracuse

NFL Experience: 4 years

Family Ties: Son, Kevin Johnson Jr.

Bet you didn't know that ... Kevin originally was a quarterback at Syracuse before making the move to wide receiver.

KEVIN JOHNSON

CLEVELAND BROWNS 🕵

2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	39-40	Kansas City
09/15	W	20-7	Cincinnati
09/22	W	31-28 (OT)	at Tennessee
09/29	L	13-16 (OT)	at Pittsburgh
10/06	L	21-26	Baltimore
10/13	L	3-17	at Tampa Bay
10/20	W	34-17	Houston
10/27	W	24-21	at New York Jets
11/03	L	20-23	Pittsburgh
11/17	W	27-20	at Cincinnati
11/24	W	24-15	at New Orleans
12/01	L	6-13	Carolina
12/08	W	21-20	at Jacksonville
12/15	L	23-28	Indianapolis
12/22	W	14-13	at Baltimore
12/29	W	24-16	Atlanta

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
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Green	243	887	3.7	64t	6
White	106	470	4.4	54	3
Northcutt	8	104	13.0	36t	1
Couch	23	77	3.3	14	0
Jackson	12	54	4.5	18	0
Holcomb	8	9	1.1	7	0
Morgan	3	7	2.3	11	0
Davis	3	7	2.3	9	0
Browns	406	1615	4.0	64t	10
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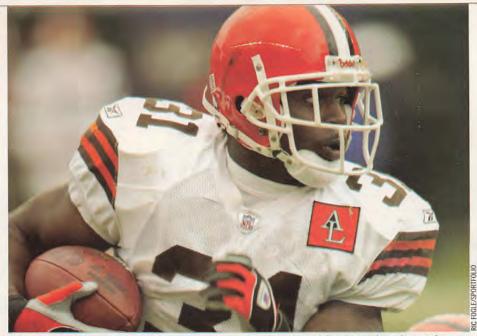
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Johnson	67	703	10.5	30t	4
White	63	452	7.2	33	0
Morgan	56	964	17.2	78t	7
Northcutt	38	601	15.8	43t	5
Davis	37	420	11.4	31	6
Campbell	25	179	7.2	26	3
Heiden	17	105	6.2	12	1
Green	16	113	7.1	18	0
Shea	7	49	7.0	18	0
King	5	41	8.2	13	0
Sanders	3	23	7.7	14	1
J. Jackson	3	9	3.0	5	0
F. Jackson	1	6	6.0	6	0
Browns	338	3665	10.8	78t	27
Opponents	299	3441	11.5	72t	20

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Couch	443	273	2842	18	18
Holcomb	106	64	790	8	4
Johnson	2	1	33	1	0
F. Jackson	1	0	0	0	0
Browns	552	338	3665	27	22
Opponents	513	299	3441	20	17

Word 8.0, Lang 5.5, Boyer 3.0, Rogers 3.0, Brown 2.0, Warren 2.0, Rudd 1.0, Sanders 1.0, Jameson 1.0, Roye 0.5

Browns 28.0, Opponents 35.0

t=touchdown



Grade: C

Grade: D+

William Green, RB

Tight ends Steve Heiden and Aaron Shea are better blockers than receivers because that's what they're required to do.

Defensive line

One reason the Browns ranked 27th against the run is because too many linemen couldn't stuff a potato. Overall, this has been a disappointing group when you consider how much the team has invested in the players. End Courtney Brown, a former No. 1 overall pick in the draft, has been an injury-plagued bust. Tackle Warren is a classic underachiever whom Davis called out during the offseason. Someone needs to light a fire under Warren and hope he puts all that ability to use.

The Browns registered only 28 sacks. Only five teams had fewer. End Mark Word played in passing situations and recorded a teamhigh eight sacks. End Kenard Lang, their best all-round lineman, added 5.5. Brown and Warren combined for four. This group better improve against the run and pass if the defense is going to become a strength rather than a liability.

Linebackers

Because of the housecleaning at linebacker, the Browns will be forced to count on some young and talented but inexperienced players. Andra Davis in the middle and Kevin Bentley at one outside spot have been elevated to starting roles in their second seasons. The coaches are high on them, but they're going to make mistakes and have to learn from them. Brant Boyer is the only returning starter. What they lack in experience, the coaches believe they'll make up with speed and enthusiasm.

Ben Taylor, another second-year man on the outside, and veteran Barry Gardner, signed as a free agent in the middle, are capable of starting. Gardner started for the Eagles. The coaches are excited about Chaun Thompson, a 240-pound, second-round pick from West Texas A&M with 4.5 speed. Some scouts thought the Browns reached on Thompson. Coming from a small college, he needs a lot of coaching, but he has the kind of natural ability that can't be coached. At some point early in his career, watch Thompson make his mark on the defense.

Secondary

In 2001, the Browns finished 7-9 despite intercepting a league-leading 33 passes,

Grade: C-

including 10 by rookie cornerback Anthony Henry. They were plus-12 in interceptions. Last season, they were minus-five. They had 16 fewer interceptions but finished 9-7. Henry was limited to two. Go figure.

Henry is hoping to stay healthy this season and be the ball hawk he was as a rookie. The other cornerback, Daylon McCutcheon, had one interception. They've got to do better under Campo. At Dallas, Campo had one of the league's best defenses when he was the coordinator, but he couldn't cut it as a head coach. He's installed the same scheme in Cleveland. The coaches love veteran strong safety Robert Griffith. He plays the run and pass well and does what's asked of him in this system. Griffith and free safety Earl Little combined for seven interceptions. Griffith and Little were fairly consistent and outplayed the cornerbacks. The corners have to improve to avoid being a weak link.

Special teams

This is one of the Browns' strengths. Kicker Phil Dawson became more consistent and had his first 100-point season. He does need to become even more consistent. He missed six field goals-three inside the 40 and three outside the 40. Chris Gardocki is an exceptional punter. Accuracy is his specialty. He gets good hang time and placed 27 punts inside the 20.

Cleveland Browns Stadium

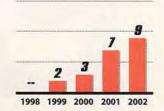
Capacity: 73,300
Turf: Grass

Tickets: (440) 891-5050

Web site: www.clevelandbrowns.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.										
Cleveland	73,287										
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	Indianapolis	1:00
Sept. 14	@Baltimore	1:00
Sept. 21	@San Francisco	4:15
Sept. 28	Cincinnati	1:00
Oct. 5	@Pittsburgh	8:30
Oct. 12	Oakland	1:00
Oct. 19	San Diego	1:00
Oct. 26	@New England	1:00
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	@Kansas City	1:00
Nov. 16	Arizona	1:00
Nov. 23	Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 30	@Seattle	4:15
Dec. 8	St. Louis	9:00
Dec. 14	@Denver	4:05
Dec. 21	Baltimore	1:00
Dec. 28	@Cincinnati	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Kelly Holcomb
FB	Steve Heiden
RB	William Green
LT	Ross Verba
LG	Barry Stokes
C	Jeff Faine
RG	Shaun O'Hara
RT	Ryan Tucker
TE	Mark Campbell
WR	Kevin Johnson
WR	Quincy Morgan

DEFENSE

Pos.	
LE	Kenard Lang
LT	Gerard Warren
RT	Orpheus Roye
RE	Tyrone Rogers
OLB	Brant Boyer
MLB	Andra Davis
OLB	Kevin Bentley
CB	Anthony Henry
CB	Daylon McCutcheon
SS	Robert Griffith
FS	Earl Little

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Chris Gardocki
K	Phil Dawson
PR	Dennis Northcut
KR	Andre' Davis

Northcutt did a magnificent job on punt returns, averaging 14.7 yards and scoring two touchdowns. There aren't many weapons more valuable than him on this team. Andre' Davis averaged 21.4 yards and scored a touchdown on kickoff returns. Kickoff and punt coverage was about average.

Management Grade: B

In his second season as coach, Davis got the Browns in the playoffs. Now he needs to take them back and help them advance beyond the first round. Davis recognized a problem on defense and made changes on the roster and his coaching staff. He has a solid group of assistants.

Team President Carmen Policy is one of the sharpest and shrewdest executives in the league and has been for years. Policy, who signed a long-term extension in the offseason, doesn't make many bad decisions that come back to haunt him.

Bottom line

If the Browns can avoid a quarterback controversy and the overall play of the defense improves, they should be able to compete with the Steelers and Ravens for the AFC North title. They might have to settle for a second consecutive wild-card berth. If the quarterback situation becomes a distraction, they might miss the playoffs.

FINAL GRADE:

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CLEVELAND BROWNS

Butch Davis, head coach

Bruce Arians, offensive coordinator; Phil Banko, defensive assistant; Clancy Pendergast, linebackers;
Dave Campo, defensive coordinator; Steve Hagen, tight ends; Andre Patterson, defensive line;
Todd McNair, running backs; Buddy Morris, strength and conditioning; Chuck Pagano, defensive backs;
Rob Phillips, assistant strength and conditioning, there were the security of the properties of

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Chad	T	6-5	303	11/13/1978	0	Virginia Tech
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z, Joaquin Shaun	C	6-3	306	09/07/1979 06/23/1977	1 3	Miami (FL) Rutgers
Barry	T	6-4	310	12/20/1973	4	Eastern Michigan
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as, Paul	T	6-5	306	07/12/1979	2	Boston College
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R.J.	RB	6-1	245	02/10/1974	2	Grove City
Villiam	RB	6-1	221	12/17/1979	1	Boston College
James	RB	5-10	215	08/04/1976	2	Miami (FL)
amel	RB	5-9	208	02/11/1978	3	South Dakota
RS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
ndre'	WR	6-1	194	06/12/1979	1	Virginia Tech
Steve	TE	6-5	270	09/21/1976	4	South Dakota State
Frisman	WR	6-3	205	06/12/1979	1	Western Illinois
, Kevin	WR	5-11	195	07/15/1976	4	Syracuse
dre	WR	5-11	195	11/26/1973	2	Miami (FL)
, Quincy tt, Dennis	WR	6-1 5-11	209 175	09/23/1977	2	Kansas State Arizona
, Darnell	WR TE	6-6	267	03/16/1979	1	Ohio State
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Michael	DE	6-4	265	07/24/1978	0	Miami (FL)
Courtney	DE	6-4	280	02/14/1978	3	Penn State
l, Cecil	DT	6-1	285	02/23/1977	0	South Carolina
oks, Felipe	DE	6-5	275	01/22/1978	1	Georgia Tech
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y, Alvin	DT	6-3	292	06/09/1978	3	Mississippi State
Tyrone	DE	6-5	250	03/09/1974	4	Alabama State
pheus	DT	6-4	313	01/21/1973	7	Florida State
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Suggs, Lee



BENGALS

Bengals keep hope alive with additions of Lewis on sidelines, Palmer at quarterback

New attitude won't make up for talent deficit, however

utility, thy name is Cincinnati. The NFL's perennial laughingstock has undergone another overhaul in the front office. Marvin Lewis, one of the league's best defensive coordinators, is the latest head-coaching candidate to attempt what David Shula, Bruce Coslet and Dick LeBeau failed to do—return the Bengals to the playoffs for the first time since 1990. Not since Sam Wyche was patrolling Cincinnati's sideline have the Bengals even been respectable.

No one has to tell Lewis what kind of reputation the Bengals have to overcome. As an assistant at Pittsburgh and Baltimore, the longtime AFC Central rivals of the Bengals, he was all too familiar with the perennial problems that have plagued the NFL's most embarrassing operation.

The Bengals have gone 12 consecutive seasons without making the playoffs. They haven't won at least 10 games since 1988. Through the offseason, Lewis emphasized they were going to dispel "myths."

Those aren't myths, coach, they're facts.

They started 0-7 and finished with the league's worst record last year. They didn't come within a field goal in any of their 14 losses. They lost by an average of 15.4 points a game. They surrendered a league-high 456 points. Good luck, Marvin, with the toughest rebuilding job in professional sports.

Offensive line Grade: B-

The Bengals have an above-average line that's going to get better. Tackles Willie Anderson and Levi Jones are former No. 1 picks who can block for the run and protect for the pass. Guard Mike Goff is moving to center, and guard Matt O'Dwyer is switching sides to make room for rookie Eric Steinbach, a steal in the second round. Like Anderson and Jones, Steinbach is a high-quality player loaded with talent. Goff and O'Dwyer are tough and experienced. There are experienced reserves in center Rich Braham and guard Scott Rehberg.

If veteran Jon Kitna is playing quarterback, the linemen will spend more time pass blocking than

they will if No. 1 pick Carson Palmer is in the lineup. When Palmer is promoted, the linemen will do more run blocking because the coaches will want to protect their prized rookie, the first overall pick in the draft.

Ouarterback

Grade: C

Kitna is a six-year veteran who's been around long enough to know that, eventually, Palmer will be the starter. Entering camp, though, Kitna is No. 1. How well he plays depends on how soon Palmer is elevated. Kitna struggled early last season, but rallied to throw for 3,178 yards and 16 touchdowns. He also suffered 16 interceptions.

After the 0-7 start, the Bengals averaged 22.6 points. Subtract the last 27-9 loss at Buffalo, and they averaged 24.3 during an eight-game stretch. That should be good enough to win more games. The 6-5 Palmer, the Heisman Trophy winner from Southern Cal, will be the fan and media favorite. Kitna will have to tough it out mentally, but he's more than capable.

Running backs

Grade: B

A lot of people feel sorry for Corey Dillon, who has rushed for at least 1,129 yards in each of his six seasons, including 1,311 last year when he averaged 4.2 yards per carry and scored seven touchdowns. Dillon also caught 43 passes, mostly on dump-offs out of the backfield.

Not only is Dillon good, but he's remarkably durable. Brandon Bennett doesn't figure to see much playing time in reserve. Don't be surprised if the new fullback replacing Lorenzo Neal is rookie Jeremi Johnson, a 260-pound, fourth-round pick out of Western Kentucky who can clear paths like a bulldozer.

Receivers

Grade: B

Chad Johnson, a 6-foot-2, second-round pick in 2001, stepped up and led the team with 69 catches for 1,166 yards. He also scored five touchdowns. Peter Warrick, a former No. 1 pick, had 53 for 606 and a team-leading six scoring receptions. Ron Dugans (47 for 421) averaged only nine yards a catch. Johnson should get even better in his third season. It's way past time for Warrick to live up to the team's expectations.

Two additions could play prominent roles. Kelley Washington, 6-foot-2 with 4.4 speed, slipped into the third round because he's coming off neck surgery. A former minor league baseball player, he entered the draft as a third-year sophomore out of Tennessee. He needs to improve in almost every facet, but there's no denying his outstanding size and talent. Reggie Kelly, signed as a free agent, should be the starting tight end after never



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Mike Green, FB (RFA-TEN)

Kevin Hardy, LB (UFA-DAL)

Tory James, CB (OAK)

Reggie Kelly, TE (UFA-ATL)

Carl Powell, DE

(WAS)

John Thornton, DT (UFA-TEN)

Hardy, Kelly, Thornton, Powell and James should all start.

NUMBERS

to gain 1,000 yards

Corey Dillon is one of only four rushers in NFL history

BENGAL FACT

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	325.4	18
Rushing	108.1	21
Passing	217.3	13
Scoring	279	28
Punt Returns	4.7	31
Kick Returns	22.4	10
Red Zone TD %	45.2	27
Total Defense	329.1	17
Against Rush	125.4	22
Against Pass	203.7	13
Points Allowed	456	32
Interceptions	9	30t
Sacks	25	26
Turnover Diff.	-15	30

Total	Rush	Pass	Penalty
315	105	186	24
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42	159	19	10

Pass Ret.

FACING PAGE: JOE ROBE

Def.

Justin **SMITH**

Hometown: Jefferson City, Mo.

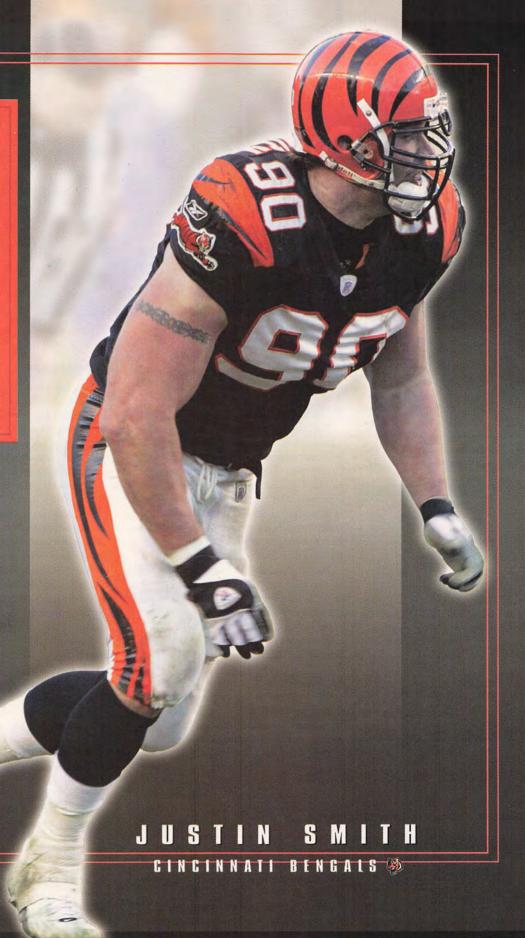
Birthday: Sept. 30, 1979

College: Missouri

NFL Experience: 2 years

Family Ties: Sister, Sarah

Bet you didn't know that . . . Justin grew up on a ranch where he helped feed, groom and show the 500 cattle that were bred by his parents, Ginger and David.



2002 FINAL STATS Won 2, Lost 14

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	6-34	San Diego
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09/22	L	3-30	at Atlanta
09/29	L	7-35	Tampa Bay
10/06	L	21-28	at Indianapolis
10/13	L	7-34	Pittsburgh
10/27	L	24-30	Tennessee
11/03	W	38-3	at Houston
11/10	L	27-38	at Baltimore
11/17	L	20-27	Cleveland
11/24	L	21-29	at Pittsburgh
12/01	L	23-27	Baltimore
12/08	L	31-52	at Carolina
12/15	L	15-29	Jacksonville
12/22	W	20-13	New Orleans
12/29	L	9-27	at Buffalo

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dillon	314	1311	4.2	67t	7
Bennett	33	155	4.7	29	0
Ru. Johnson	17	67	3.9	13	0
Luchey	12	59	4.9	10	2
Kitna	24	57	2.4	12t	4
Neal	9	31	3.4	9	0
Warrick	8	22	2.8	11	0
Frerotte	4	22	5.5	9	0
A. Smith	4	5	1.3	3	0
Westbrook	1	1	1.0	1	0

Bengals	426	1730	4.1	67t	13
Opponents	498	2003	4.0	41t	16

Schobel	27	212	7.9	20t	2
Neal Bennett	21 18	133	6.3	15 15	0
Farmer	9	115	12.8	51	0
Westbrook	8	94	11.8	26t	2
Luchey	7	46	6.6	15	0
Ru. Johnson	6	34	5.7	14	0
Stewart	1	6	6.0	6	0

Opponents	28/	3415	11.9	69	30
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Kitna	473	294	3178	16	16
Frerotte	85	44	437	1	5

TICIOTTE	05	777	131		,
Smith	33	12	117	0	1
Bengals	591	350	3732	17	22
Opponents	454	287	3415	30	9

SACKS

Smith 7.5, Williams 5.0, Simmons 3.0, Hawkins 2.0, Hall 2.0, Spikes 1.5, Whittington 1.0

Bengals 25.0, Opponents 37.0

t=touchdown



Corey Dillon, RB

fulfilling his promise in Atlanta. If Kelly falters again, second-year tight end Matt Schobel is prepared to replace him.

Defensive line

The Bengals had only 25 sacks last season, a total that will improve under Lewis, a strategist who brings rushers from all angles. Two free agents, tackle John Thornton and end Carl Powell, are new starters in the four-man front. Thornton was unappreciated in Tennessee, where he helped the Titans reach the playoffs in three of his four seasons. He's better against the run than pass. Powell had three sacks for Washington.

The other side of the line, end Justin Smith and tackle Tony Williams, combined for 12.5 sacks. If they were ever in situations in which the Bengals had a fourth-quarter lead and could tee off on the quarterback, their sack totals might skyrocket. End Reinard Wilson, a former No. 1 pick, has been a disappointment.

Linebackers

Grade: D

Grade: D

The Bengals' best defensive player, outside linebacker Takeo Spikes, left for Buffalo as a free agent. His former running mate, Brian Simmons, has moved outside. Simmons might be more comfortable outside, where he can play in space and make more big plays. Simmons has been replaced in the middle by unrestricted free agent Kevin Hardy, who's with his third team in three years. The former No. 1 pick at Jacksonville used to play outside but can't run well enough these days to avoid being a weak link.

The coaches are hoping that Hardy can clog the middle against the run and not be beaten too often in coverage. Steve Foley, who starts at the other outside spot, is a 260-pound load who packs a punch against

the run and works hard in coverage. Depth is average at best.

Secondary

Grade: D+

The Bengals had only nine interceptions, which tied for fewest in the league. Opponents compiled a passer rating of 99.9. Cincinnati surrendered 30 touchdown passes. A big part of the problem, of course, was the lack of a pass rush, which goes hand-in-hand with interceptions. Still, this is an area that needs a lot of work.

Artrell Hawkins is the Bengals' best cover corner. Tory James was signed as a free agent to play opposite Hawkins. He played in the Super Bowl for the Raiders. Jeff Burris is another veteran corner, but he's better in zone coverage. The coaches need Oregon State rookie Dennis Weathersby, the fourth-round pick who was shot in a drive-by shooting before the draft, to make a smooth recovery and be able to contribute in the nickel, at least.

Lamont Thompson, a second-round pick last year, is a 220-pound free safety who hits hard and covers a lot of ground. Like Thompson, strong safety Marquand Manuel is entering his second season, and he also shows a lot of promise. He's most effective around the line of scrimmage.

Special teams

Grade: D

Veteran kicker Neil Rackers missed only three field goals. Problem was, he attempted only 18. He was perfect on eight inside the 40. He just needs an offense to penetrate deep enough to give him more opportunities.

Punter Nick Harris is mediocre. His 31.4-yard net average was awful, and he had only 11 punts downed inside the 20.

Kickoff returns were excellent with Bennett averaging 25.1 yards, but punt returns, with T.J. Houshmandzadeh averaging only 4.9, were horrible. That's got to

Cincinnati

NFL AVG.

Paul Brown Stadium

80.7

94.8

52,779

66,326

Capacity: 65,393 Turf: Grass Tickets: (513) 621-8383

Web site: www.bengals.com

Projected Starters

Jeremi Johnson Corey Dillon

Willie Anderson

Reggie Kelly

Peter Warrick

Carl Powell

John Thornton

Tony Williams

Justin Smith

Artrell Hawkins

SPECIAL TEAMS

Nick Harris **Neil Rackers**

Marguand Manuel Lamont Thompson

T.J. Houshmandzadeh **Brandon Bennett**

Steve Foley MLB Kevin Hardy **OLB** Brian Simmons Tory James

Chad Johnson

OFFENSE Pos. OB

FB

RR

LG

RG

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TE

WR

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CB CB

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Pos.

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DEFENSE Pos. LE

Jon Kitna

Levi Jones Eric Steinbach

Mike Goff Matt O'Dwyer

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FIVE-YEAR TREND



2003 Schedule

	All Times Eastern
Opponent	Time
Denver	1:00
@0akland	4:15
Pittsburgh	1:00
@Cleveland	1:00
@Buffalo	1:00
OPEN DATE	
Baltimore	1:00
Seattle	1:00
@Arizona	4:05
Houston	1:00
Kansas City	1:00
@San Diego	4:15
@Pittsburgh	1:00
@Baltimore	1:00
San Francisco	1:00
@St. Louis	1:00
Cleveland	1:00
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improve. Kickoff coverage was average, while punt coverage was terrible.

Management

Owner Mike Brown, who's in charge of the personnel department, takes a lot of deserving grief for the continued failures of the franchise his father, Paul Brown, founded. Mike Brown fired LeBeau and gave Lewis his first head-coaching job. He should be commended for that. But Brown needs to spend money, hire more good people and step aside. For the sake of the Bengals' long-suffering fans, hopefully Brown has wised up. Hopefully, he finally hired the

right coach. Of course, if Lewis has to work under the same restrictions as his predecessors, he, too, is doomed to fail.

Bottom Line

The Marvin Lewis era is starting with a bang. Hopefully, it won't end with a whimper. The Bengals have made changes on the roster and on the coaching staff. They have an influx of youth and experience. It won't take much to improve the victory total, but fans have learned to expect improvement in baby steps. They're still ticketed for last in the division and another high draft choice-just not the top pick.

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Marvin Lewis, head coach

Paul Alexander, assistant head coach/offensive line; Jim Anderson, running backs; Bob Bratkowski, offensive coordinator; Louie Cioffi, assistant defensive backs; Kevin Coyle, defensive backs; Leslie Frazier, defensive coordinator; Jay Hayes, defensive line; Ricky Hunley, linebackers; Kurtis Schultz, strength and conditioning; Darrin Simmons, special teams; Bob Surace, offensive assistant; Alex Wood, wide receivers: Ken Zampese, quarterbacks

#	QUARTERBACK	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Kitna, Jon	QB	6-2	220	09/21/1972	6	Central Washington
11	Smith, Akili	QB	6-3	220	08/21/1975	4	Oregon
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
71	Anderson, Willie	T	6-5	340	07/11/1975	7	Auburn
74	Braham, Rich	C	6-4	305	11/06/1970	8	West Virginia
60	Coleman, Reggie	Ţ	6-5	301	10/04/1978	0	Tennessee
63	Goff, Mike	G	6-5	311	01/06/1976	5	lowa
76	Gutierrez, Brock Jones, Levi	T	6-3 6-5	304 306	09/25/1973 08/24/1979	6	Central Michigan Arizona State
77	Leyva, Victor	G	6-4	315	12/18/1977	1	Arizona State
72	O'Dwyer, Matt	G	6-5	310	09/01/1972	8	Northwestern
79	Rehberg, Scott	G	6-8	325	11/17/1973	6	Central Michigan
66	Szalay, Thatcher	G	6-4	303	01/18/1979	0	Montana
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
36	Bennett, Brandon	RB	5-11	220	02/03/1973	4	South Carolina
28	Dillon, Corey	RB	6-1	225	10/24/1974	6	Washington
20	Green, Mike	RB	6-1	250	09/02/1976	3	Houston
32	Johnson, Rudi	RB	5-10	220	10/01/1979	2	Auburn
48	Witherspoon, Terry	RB	5-11	250	08/22/1977	1	Clemson
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
88	Brewer, Sean	TE	6-4	255	10/05/1977	1	San Jose State
81	Dugans, Ron	WR	6-2	205	04/27/1977	3	Florida State
87	Edmonds, Chris	TE	6-3	250	01/01/1978	1	West Virginia
83	Farmer, Danny	WR	6-3	215	05/21/1977	3	UCLA
84 85	Houshmandzadeh, T.J. Johnson, Chad	WR	6-1 6-2	197 192	09/26/1977	2	Oregon State
89	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-3	255	01/09/1978 02/22/1977	4	Oregon State
89	Schobel, Matt	TE	6-5	263	11/04/1978	1	Mississippi State Texas Christian
48	St. Louis, Brad	TE	6-3	247	08/19/1976	3	Southwest Missouri
86	Stewart, Tony	TE	6-5	260	08/09/1979	2	Penn State
80	Warrick, Peter	WR	5-11	195	06/19/1977	3	Florida State
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	10	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
99	Gibson, Oliver	DT	6-2	310	03/15/1972	8	Notre Dame
92	Ogbogu, Eric	DE	6-4	270	07/18/1975	4	Maryland
72	Powell, Carl	DE	6-2	273	01/04/1974	4	Louisville
90	Smith, Justin	DE	6-4	270	09/30/1979	2	Missouri
68	Smith, Ron	DT	6-3	310	08/18/1978	1	Lane
70	Steele, Glen	DT	6-4	300	10/04/1974	5	Michigan
78 94	Thornton, John Williams, Tony	DT	6-2 6-1	292 294	10/02/1976	4	West Virginia
55	Wilson, Reinard	DE	6-2	270	07/09/1975 12/17/1973	6	Memphis Florida State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	-	HT	WT		EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Armour, Jo Juan	5	5-11	220	BORN 07/10/1976	4	Miami (OH)
21	Burris, Jeff	CB	6-1	190	06/07/1972	9	Notre Dame
42	Glover, LaVar	CB	5-9	177	12/17/1978	1	Cincinnati
27	Hawkins, Artrell	CB	5-10	190	11/24/1976	5	Cincinnati
20	James, Tory	CB	6-2	190	05/18/1973	6	LSU
25	Jennings, Ligarius	CB	5-8	202	11/03/1977	2	Tennessee State
34	Kaesviharn, Kevin	CB	6-1	190	08/29/1976	2	Augustana (SD)
44	Manuel, Marquand	5	6-1	209	07/11/1979	1	Florida
37	Myles, Reggie	CB	5-11	185	10/10/1979	1	Alabama
20 24	Roman, Mark Thompson, Lamont	S	5-11	189 220	03/26/1977 07/30/1978	3	Usehington State
62		3		-			Washington State
98	LINEBACKERS Curtic Caputa	LB	HT 6-2	WT 257	BORN 08/04/1974	EXP.	West Virginia
95	Curtis, Canute Foley, Steve	LB	6-3	260	09/11/1975	4	Northeast Louisiana
	Hardy, Kevin	LB	6-4	259	07/24/1973	7	Illinois
	Johnson, Riall	LB	6-3	243	04/20/1978	2	Stanford
51		LB	6-2	259	05/09/1979	0	Oklahoma State
	Levels, Dwayne			251	02/19/1975	5	Colorado State
51 50	Levels, Dwayne Ross, Adrian	LB	6-2	231			
51 50 47			6-3	248	06/21/1975	5	North Carolina
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51 50 47 57 56	Ross, Adrian Simmons, Brian	LB LB	6-3	248	06/21/1975		
51 50 47 57 56 59	Ross, Adrian Simmons, Brian Spearman, Armegis KICKERS Dorsch, Travis	LB LB LB	6-3 6-1 HT 6-6	248 251 WI 227	06/21/1975 04/05/1978 BORN 09/04/1979	2 EXP.	Mississippi COLLEGE Purdue
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Weathersby, Dennis 6-1 204 Johnson, Jeremi 5-11 260 Abdullah, Khalid 6-2 303 Moore, Langston DT 6-1 6-1 Kooistra, Scott 316 Patterson, Elton

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Make the Titans a solid favorite in an increasingly conservative South

By John McClain, Houston Chronicle

n the newly created AFC South in which Houston entered as an expansion team and Indianapolis switched from the AFC East, Tennessee became the division's first champion by one game over the Colts.

It was the second time in three years the Titans have won a division. It also was the third time in four years they reached the playoffs. And Tennessee has all the necessary ingredients to repeat as AFC South champion.

After a 1-4 start, the Titans finished 10-1, including 6-0 against AFC South rivals.

They suffered minor losses in free agency. They had 33 starts by rookies, more than any playoff team, and might again because of a draft that could be outstanding, at least on paper.

The only team that should mount a serious challenge to the Titans' throne is Indianapolis, but anyone who remembers the Colts being blown out of the playoffs 41-0 by the New York Jets might find it difficult to think of them reaching postseason again.

Even with Tony Dungy taking over the Colts, defense continued to be a problem. Little was done in the offseason to rectify the situation, so fans should expect some of the same shortcomings. If anything, watch the Colts' offense grow more conservative in Dungy's second season. He believes ball control and fewer turnovers are paramount.

Jacksonville, which hasn't made the playoffs since 1999, finally pulled the plug on coach Tom Coughlin after eight seasons. There was no disputing that Coughlin was an excellent coach, but he was in control of an organization that slipped dramatically during the salary-cap era, and someone had to pay the price or ticket sales would have continued to dwindle.

Coughlin has been replaced by Jack Del Rio, who had been Carolina's defensive coordinator. Like Coughlin, Del Rio will be demanding, but unlike Coughlin, Del Rio will be flexible and in tune more with today's players who want a head coach who's philosophy isn't "my way or the highway."

Del Rio played linebacker in the NFL, and he coached linebackers before becoming a coordinator. His hiring gives the division four former head coaches who were defensive coordinators, including Dungy, Jeff Fisher (Titans) and Dom Capers (Texans). No wonder the AFC South should be the league's most conservative division offensively.

Speaking of Capers, he worked magic to win four games with an expansion team. Because of injuries, primarily left tackle Tony Boselli, the Texans' offensive line wasn't intact. They started six rookies on offense, including quarterback David Carr. They were last in scoring and total offense but managed to defeat the Cowboys, Jaguars, Giants and Steelers for the second-most victories by an expansion team to Capers' 1995 Carolina team that finished 7-9.

The Texans should be improved but not enough to escape the cellar for a second consecutive season.

TENNESSEE TITANS

If the Titans had played the Raiders 10 times last season, they might be 0-10. In two decisive defeats at Oakland, including one in the AFC Championship Game, Tennessee was outscored by an average of 46.5 to 24.5. The NFL has given the Titans a chance to get revenge because they host the Raiders in a Sunday night opener.

Fisher wants to avoid a second consecutive slow start. When the Titans were 1-4, including a four-game losing streak, they allowed 31.8 points. When they were 10-1, including a one-point loss at Baltimore, they surrendered 15 a game. Fisher's philosophy

never changes—run the ball to control the clock and stop the run to force passing situations. They were fourth in the NFL with 511 rushes, fifth with 43.5 percent on third-down conversions and tied for first with an average time of possession of 32 minutes, 47 seconds.

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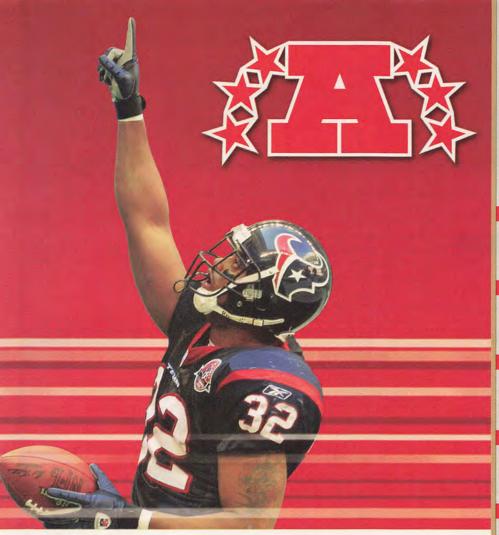
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

In Dungy's first season, the Colts allowed 313 points, down from a league-high 486 in Jim Mora's last year as coach. Dungy was unhappy that the Colts ranked only eighth in defense, including 20th against the run but second against the pass. What Dungy hated most was the minus-5 in turnover ratio. Indy committed 32 turnovers, and only two AFC teams had more. Ten interceptions were unacceptable, and the team leader, outside linebacker Mike Peterson, left as a free agent.

The Colts lost six games by an average of 11 points. They lost only once by less than a touchdown. By comparison, they won six games by seven or fewer points. While the offense ranked ninth, including fourth in passing, the running game dipped to 26th because Edgerrin James wasn't fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery the year before. Expect the Colts, in general, and James, in particular, to run the ball much more effectively.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

With James Harris taking over the front office and Del Rio becoming the head coach, don't be surprised if the Jaguars resemble the duo's former employer, the Baltimore Ravens, where Harris was most recently



Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Steve McNair, QB, Tennessee

Incredible will to win. The bigger the game, the more pain he can endure.

RUSHER:

Fred Taylor, RB, Jacksonville

If he could stay healthy for 16 games, he might lead the league in rushina.

RECEIVER:

Marvin Harrison, WR, Indianapolis

What can he do for an encore to his NFL-record 143 catches last season?

TACKLER:

Jamie Sharper, LB, Houston

He's got good size and speed, and he's always around the ball.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Joe Nedney, PK, Tennessee

A 6-5, 225-pound kicker who recorded eight unassisted tackles on kickoff coverage.

TEAMMATE:

Eddie George, RB, Tennessee

Has never missed a start and didn't complain when he was removed late in games for a quicker Robert Holcombe.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Mike Vanderjagt, PK, Indianapolis

Considering the way he mouthed off after last season about Peyton Manning, he better have a great sense of humor.

INTELLECT:

Peyton Manning, QB, Indianapolis

Has more freedom to change plays at the line of scrimmage than any NFL quarterback.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Dom Capers, head coach, Houston

Plays a 3-4 defense and creates mismatches with innovative strategy.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Floyd Reese, general manager, Tennessee

Manipulates the cap, signs cheap free agents and drafts shrewdly to keep the Titans in contention.

director of pro personnel and Del Rio served as linebackers coach from 1999-2001. Although he's a defense-oriented coach, Del Rio knows an offense that ranked 25th, including 28th in passing, needs a lot of fine-tuning. Finishing 25th against the run is unacceptable to a coach who took a lot of pride as a player in stuffing the run.

Amazingly, the Jaguars were plus-12 in turnover ratio and still finished 6-10. They threw nine interceptions and lost six fumbles. They were the only team in the league to have fewer than 10 interceptions and fumbles. Their average time of possession was 28:39, ranking 26th, but they were third with a third-down conversion rate of 44.9 percent. Although it was hard to pinpoint the reason the Jaguars had a losing record, it still cost Coughlin his job.



Considering their inexperience and ineptness with an offense that ranked last

or next to last in just about every crucial category, it's almost miraculous the Texans won four games in their first season. With so many first-year players on offense and a line decimated by injuries, it's easy to understand why they were last in points, offensive touchdowns, passing, sacks and average per rush. But growing pains and an infusion of talent at the skill positions, plus experience in the line, make Capers and offensive coordinator Chris Palmer confident that the offense will be vastly improved.

Capers and defensive coordinator
Vic Fangio were able to overcome a
lack of talent with their creative
schemes designed to confuse offenses.
The Texans were 20th in points
allowed. They finished 16th in total
defense, 28th against the run and 10th
against the pass. They limited opponents
to fewer than 20 points seven times,
including five of the last 10 games.
Considering how much time the defense
spent on the field, those statistics are
downright startling.

TENNESSEE

As long as McNair stays in the air, Titans won't be grounded come playoff time

Fisher's team has become one of few pictures of consistency in NFL

ver the last four seasons, the Titans are 48-23, including 4-3 in the playoffs. That record includes a Super Bowl loss to St. Louis and an AFC Championship Game defeat at Oakland. They were 11-5 last season but didn't have one player voted to the Pro Bowl. They begin this season with two of three games at home. They finish with three of four at home, with the only road trip being to Houston.

Two statistics coach Jeff Fisher hopes to at least duplicate are opponents' average per rush and sack differential. The Titans allowed 3.8 yards per rush, ranking third in the NFL. They were plus-19 in sack differential. They were second with 21 sacks allowed. They'll never be an explosive offensive team under Fisher, but his conservative philosophy has served them well going into his ninth full season. They had seven new starters on defense last season and still finished 10th overall and second against the run. This season, they're dangerous on both sides of the ball because they've got more stability.

Offensive line Grade: B

This is an intelligent, experienced group that allowed quarterback Steve McNair to be sacked only 21 times. Left tackle Brad Hopkins, who turns 33 early in the season, enters his 11th season in the organization. He battled injury problems last season, and Jason Mathews did an admirable job of filling in. At 305 pounds, Hopkins is one of the lighter tackles in the NFL.

Fred Miller, the other tackle, gets by on brains and massiveness (6-7, 315). Guards Benji Olson and Zach Piller are 315-pounders who improve each season. Tom Ackerman is a valuable backup at guard and center. As a group, they communicate well. In a running game that pounds the ball between the tackles, they have to drive block with abandon.

Quarterback Grade: A

McNair and Neil O'Donnell are veterans with a combined 21 years of experience. McNair is coming off his most productive season, one in which his

failure to be voted to the Pro Bowl created so much controversy that it got him more positive recognition than anything in his career.

McNair may be the toughest quarterback in the league. He always plays hurt. He nursed so many injuries last season that he seldom practiced over the second half but didn't miss a game. He finished with 3,387 passing yards, 22 touchdowns and 15 interceptions. He also ran for 440 yards and three touchdowns. McNair has emerged as the epitome of a team leader who allows his actions to speaker louder than words.

Rookie free agent Jason Gesser will try to supplant fourth-year veteran Billy Volek as the third quarterback.

Running backs

Grade: B-

Entering his eighth season, a lot of fans are ready to close the book on Eddie George's career, even though he bounced back from an injury-plagued 2001 to rush for 1,165 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also caught 36 passes and scored two more touchdowns on receptions. Although George has never missed a start, the constant pounding of the ball between the tackles is taking its toll.

Over the second half, George stayed on the bench near the end of games and was replaced by the quicker Robert Holcombe, who averaged 5.1 yards on 47 carries to George's 3.4. Rookie Chris Brown of Colorado, a third-round pick who's a tall, straight-up runner like George, should figure into this equation.

Receivers Grade:

Derrick Mason, who had 79 receptions for 1,012 yards and five touchdowns, was the only Titan with more than 41 catches. The most catches by a returning receiver other than Mason is Drew Bennett (33). Mason remains McNair's go-to receiver, but he needs someone to take away some of the pressure. Bennett, at 6-5, has good hands but lacks speed. He excels on short and intermediate routes.

The Titans could use a big-time rookie performance from Tyrone Calico, their second-round draft choice. He's 6-3 and runs in the 4.3s, but he's raw and needs a lot of work. He doesn't figure to make a big impact as a rookie, but his speed should force defenses to be aware of him at all times. Justin McCareins (19 receptions, 301 yards) could be ready to establish himself in his third season.

There was less emphasis on throwing to the tight ends last season, but Frank Wycheck still caught 40 passes. He's a better receiver than blocker. The larger Erron Kinney is a superior blocker.

Defensive line Grade:

Despite a foot injury to end Jevon Kearse, who was injured in the first game and didn't play



OFFSEASON

Because they had less money to spend under the salary cap than any team in the league, the Titans chose to use what they had to re-sign the players they wanted to keep.

QUOTABLE

ADDITIONS

"I'm a real fast learner. I went to the Senior Bowl and played safety, and I had never played safety in my life."

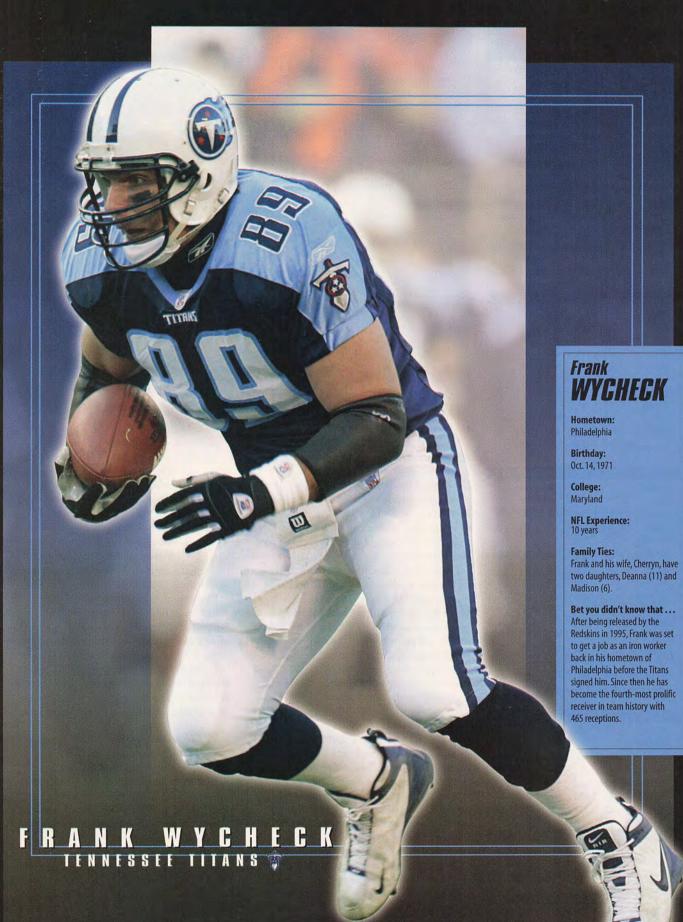
—cornerback Andre Woolfolk, the Titans' No. 1 pick from Oklahoma

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	329.5	17
Rushing	122.0	11
Passing	207.5	20
Scoring	367	13t
Punt Returns	7.8	25
Kick Returns	19.6	31
Red Zone TD %	58.9	6
Total Defense	310.3	10
Against Rush	89.0	2
Against Pass	221.3	25
Points Allowed	324	11
Interceptions	18	12t
Sacks	40	12
Turnover Diff.	+4	11t

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312	112	182	18
Red Zo	ne Offen	se	
	Pts.		FG
56	287	33	19
Touchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	Def.
16	22	0	4

TITAN FACT



2002 FINAL STATS

Won 11, Lost 5

W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
W	27-24	Philadelphia
L	13-21	at Dallas
L	28-31	Cleveland
L	25-52	at Oakland
L	14-31	Washington
W	23-14	Jacksonville
W	30-24	at Cincinnati
W	23-15	at Indianapolis
W	17-10	Houston
W	31-23	Pittsburgh
L	12-13	at Baltimore
W	32-29 (OT)	at New York Giants
W	27-17	Indianapolis
W	24-7	New England
W	28-10	at Jacksonville
W	13-3	at Houston
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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
George	343	1165	3.4	35	12
McNair	82	440	5.4	26	3
Holcombe	47	242	5.1	39	0
Green	21	71	3.4	12	0
McCareins	2	18	9.0	16	0
Simon	9	18	2.0	13	1
Hentrich	1	5	5.0	5	0
Comella	1	0	0	0	0
Titans	511	1952	3.8	39	16
Opponents	372	1424	3.8	42	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Mason	79	1012	12.8	40	5
Dyson	41	460	11.2	40	4
Wycheck	40	346	8.7	19	2
George	36	255	7.1	14t	2
Bennett	33	478	14.5	53	2
McCareins	19	301	15.8	55	2
Simon	16	167	10.4	42t	3
Kinney	13	173	13.3	31	0
Holcombe	10	91	9.1	18	0
Comella	10	70	7.0	17	0
Green	7	57	8.1	21	1
Meier	1	17	17.0	17t	1
Berlin	1	14	14.0	14	0
Titans	306	3441	11.2	55	22
Opponents	339	3753	11.1	75	27

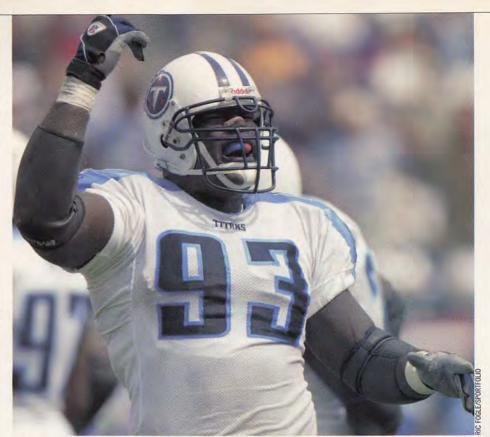
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
McNair	492	301	3387	22	15
O'Donnell	5	3	24	0	0
Hentrich	1	1	17	0	0
Wycheck	2	1	13	0	0
Titans	500	306	3441	22	15
Opponents	562	339	3753	27	18

SACKS

Carter 10.0, Hall 8.0, Ford 3.5, Smith 2.5, Kearse 2.0, Schulters 2.0, Sirmon 2.0, Thornton 2.0, Williams 2.0, Bulluck 1.0, Dyson 1.0, Godfrey 1.0, Haynesworth 1.0, Thomas 1.0

Titans 40.0, Opponents 21.0

t=touchdown



Kevin Carter, LB

again until late in the season, the linemen registered 30 of the team's 40 sacks. They also played the run well. End Kevin Carter, who moves inside to tackle in passing situations, had a team-high 10 sacks. The coaches are hoping Kearse can return to the form that made him one of the NFL's most effective pass rushers.

Carlos Hall, a seventh-round pick, had eight sacks in place of Kearse. When Carter moves inside, Hall enters the game. Last year's No. 1 pick, Albert Haynesworth, improved at tackle near the end of the season. At 6-6, 320 pounds, he's a full load, but he has to play smarter and with more intensity. Keep an eye on tackle Rien Long, a 6-6, 302-pound underclassmen from Washington State who was a steal in the fourth round.

Linebackers Grade: C

In his first season as a starter, former No. 1 pick Keith Bulluck emerged as a star. If he continues to play as well as last season, he's going to make the Pro Bowl. Bulluck uses his speed to make plays all over the field. He plays the run and covers well. Randall Godfrey overcame injuries in the middle and, if he remains healthy, the coaches expect him to return to Pro Bowl form.

Peter Sirmon, the starter opposite Bulluck, is a former fourth-round pick who was also starting for the first time. If he continues to improve, Sirmon will get more recognition. The Titans have decent depth, but the reserves don't have a lot of game experience.

Secondary

Grade: B

Samari Rolle and Andre Dyson are undersized cornerbacks who excel at man coverage. Rolle, who is one of the best in the AFC, usually draws the best receiver. Neither Rolle nor Dyson will be guilty of punishing backs when they support the run. Fisher finally got the corner with size he's been wanting for years in No. 1 pick Andre Woolfolk, a former receiver who's 6-1, 200 pounds. Even though he's still learning the position, Woolfolk has a chance to contribute right away as the nickel corner.

Last season, veteran free safety Lance Schulters and rookie strong safety Tank Williams were incorporated as new starters. After a rocky start, they became a wicked twosome. Schulters covered a lot of ground and led the team with six interceptions. The 223-pound Williams played as well as any defensive rookie in the NFL. He packs a punch around the line of scrimmage and plays like an extra linebacker.

Special teams Grade: 0

The 6-5 Joe Nedney is a kicker who looks like a linebacker and has that kind of mentality. He kicks off deep. He also scored 111 points, including 21 of 35 field goals. Four of his six misses were from 45 yards or longer. Craig Hentrich continues to be one of the league's most consistent punters. He had 28 kicks downed inside the 20.

The return game with rookie running back John Simon was mediocre. Mason is the best return man on the team, but he's too valuable to risk injury on special teams. Kickoff coverage was good, but punt coverage was awful. Opponents returned three punts for touchdowns, which is inexcusable.

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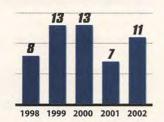
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Sept. 14	@Indianapolis	1:00
Sept. 21	New Orleans	1:00
Sept. 28	@Pittsburgh	1:00
Oct. 5	@New England	1:00
Oct. 12	Houston	1:00
Oct. 19	@Carolina	1:00
Oct. 26	@Jacksonville	1:00
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	Miami	1:00
Nov. 16	Jacksonville	1:00
Nov. 23	@Atlanta	4:15
Dec. 1	@N.Y. Jets	9:00
Dec. 7	Indianapolis	1:00
Dec. 14	Buffalo	1:00
Dec. 21	@Houston	1:00
Dec. 28	Tampa Bay	1:00

Projected Starters

Pos.	
QB	Steve McNair
FB	Greg Comella
RB	Eddie George
LT	Brad Hopkins
LG	Zach Piller
C	Gennaro DiNapoli
RG	Benji Olson
RT	Fred Miller
TE	Frank Wycheck
WR	Drew Bennett
WR	Derrick Mason

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E Kevin Carter	
T Robaire Smith	
T Albert Hayneswor	rth
E Jevon Kearse	
OLB Peter Sirmon	
ALB Randall Godfrey	
DLB Keith Bulluck	
B Andre Dyson	
B Samari Rolle	
S Tank Williams	
S Lance Schulters	

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Craig Hentrich
K	Joe Nedney
PR	Derrick Mason
KR	Derrick Mason

Management Grade: A

Ten games into the 1994 season, General Manager Floyd Reese elevated first-year defensive coordinator Jeff Fisher into the headcoaching job. They've continued in their current posts ever since. Even though they've experienced ups and downs and had disagreements over assistant coaches and personnel, they manage to coexist. Since Jeff Diamond was hired as team president, the Titans have been to the playoffs three of four years. Rich Snead is one of the league's most underrated personnel directors.

Fisher has a staff that's loaded with experience. Offensive line

coach Mike Munchak is outstanding, a proven developer of young players. Heavily-criticized defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz got the last laugh over his critics in 2002 when the Titans rebounded from the 1-4 start to come within one victory of the Super Bowl.

Bottom line

The Titans have just as good a chance of reaching the Super Bowl as any team as long as McNair is able to play and George doesn't break down before they have a replacement ready to go. The defense should be even better as the younger players gain experience. And their cover teams must improve.

TENNESSEE TITANS

Jeff Fisher, head coach

Chuck Cecil, defensive assistant/quality control; Gunther Cunningham, assistant head coach/linebackers; Mike Heimerdinger, offensive coordinator; George Henshaw, assistant head coach/offensive line; Ned James, offensive assistant/quality control; Craig Johnson, quarterbacks; Alan Lowry, special teams; Mike Munchak, offensive line; Jim Schwartz, defensive coordinator; Sherman Smith, running backs; Steve Walters, wide receivers; Jim Washburn, defensive line; Steve Watterson, strength and conditioning; **Everett Withers**, defensive backs

QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Gesser, Jason			200	05/31/1979	0	Washington State
CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION				02/14/1973	8	Alcorn State
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Volek, Billy	QB	6-2	214	04/28/1976	1	Fresno State
OFFENSIVE LINE	200	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Ackerman, Tom	(6-4	300	09/06/1972	7	Eastern Washingto
DiNapoli, Gennaro	C	6-3	287	05/25/1975	6	Virginia Tech
Hartwig, Justin	G	6-4	300	11/21/1978	1	Kansas
Hopkins, Brad	T	6-3	305	09/05/1970	10	Illinois
Martin, Matt	T	6-6	272	10/12/1979	1	Kansas State
Mathews, Jason	T	6-5	284	02/09/1971	9	Texas A&M
Miller, Fred	T	6-7	315	02/06/1973	7	Baylor
Olson, Benji	G	6-4	315	06/05/1975	5	Washington
Piller, Zach	G	6-5	315	05/02/1976	4	Florida
RUNNING BACKS	TO	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Comella, Greg	RB	6-1	248	07/29/1975	5	Stanford
George, Eddie	RB	6-3	236	09/24/1973	7	Ohio State
Holcombe, Robert	RB	5-11	215	12/11/1975	5	Illinois
Simon, John	RB	5-11	202	12/11/1978	1	Louisiana Tech
RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Bennett, Drew	WR	6-5	203	08/26/1978	2	UCLA
Berlin, Eddie	WR	5-11	194	01/14/1978	2	Northern Iowa
Hill, Darrell	WR	6-3	197	06/19/1979	1	Northern Illinois
Kinney, Erron	TE	6-5	285	07/28/1977	3	Florida
Mason, Derrick	WR	5-10	192	01/17/1974	6	Michigan State
McCareins, Justin	WR	6-2	218	12/11/1978	2	Northern Illinois
Meier, Shad	TE	6-4	256	06/07/1978	2	Kansas State
Schifino, Jake	WR	6-1	200	11/15/1979	0	Akron
Wycheck, Frank	TE	6-3	253	10/14/1971	10	Maryland
DEFENSIVE LINE	1	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Aldridge, Kevin	DE	6-1	271	03/30/1980	1	Southern Methodi
Atkins, James	DT	6-5	312	06/23/1978	0	Virginia Union
Carter, Kevin	DE	6-5	290	09/21/1973	8	Florida
Hall, Carlos	DE	6-4	251	01/16/1979	1	Arkansas
Haynesworth, Albert	DT	6-6	320	06/17/1981	1	Tennessee
Kearse, Jevon	DE	6-4	265	09/03/1976	4	Florida
Smith, Robaire	DE	6-4	280	11/15/1977	3	Michigan State
Thomas, Juqua	DE	6-2	252	05/15/1978	2	Oklahoma State
DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Beckham, Tony	СВ	6-1	189	10/01/1978	1	Wisconsin-Stout
Dyson, Andre	CB	5-10	187	05/25/1979	2	Utah
Echols, Mike	CB	5-10	190	10/13/1978	1	Wisconsin
Rolle, Samari	CB	6-1	175	08/10/1976	5	Florida State
Schulters, Lance	5	6-2	207	05/27/1975	5	Hofstra
Williams, Tank	5	6-3	223	06/30/1980	1	Stanford
LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
Boiman, Rocky	LB	6-4	233	01/24/1980	1	Notre Dame
Bulluck, Keith	LB	6-3	232	04/04/1977	3	Syracuse
Calmus, Rocky	LB	6-3	235	08/01/1979	1	Oklahoma
Chamberlin, Frank	LB	6-1	238	01/02/1978	3	Boston College
Godfrey, Randall	LB	6-2	245	04/06/1973	7	Georgia
Kassell, Brad	LB	6-3	236	01/07/1980	1	North Texas
Sirmon, Peter	LB	6-2	240	02/18/1977	3	Oregon
KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
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INDIANAPOLIS **COLTS**

Colts will continue to thrive on their offense in spite of Dungy's directives

Indianapolis still knows how to win only one way

oach Tony Dungy is fond of saying he isn't happy if his team doesn't rank among the top five in defense. But Dungy should be happy with the eighth-place finish of last season, especially considering his talent on that side of the ball, which bears no resemblance to the Tampa Bay unit he left behind when he was fired after the 2001 season.

Despite Dungy's persistence in trying to turn the Colts into a defensive-oriented team that plays with the same kind of recklessness and effectiveness of the Buccaneers, he better get used to the fact that the Colts are still a wide-open team that's going to compile yards, score a lot of points and commit a lot of turnovers. And turnovers are something that Dungy just can't tolerate for long.

Offensive line Grade: B-

The linemen couldn't be held accountable for the Colts ranking 26th in rushing offense, not considering the injuries that hampered the running backs. This group, spearheaded by veteran tackles Tarik Glenn and Adam Meadows, is better at pass protection than run blocking. The Colts surrendered only 23 sacks—partly because quarterback Peyton Manning gets rid of the ball so quickly—but averaged just 3.6 yards per carry.

All five starters return, including Jeff Saturday, a high-quality center who doesn't get much attention around the league. Guards Ryan Diem and Rick DeMulling keep the defensive tackles off Manning. They don't have much depth other than veteran Rob Murphy and fourth-round pick Steve Sciullo, both of whom can play inside or outside if necessary.

Duarterback Grade: A

Entering his sixth season, Peyton Manning continues to rank as one of the NFL's premier quarterbacks. He threw for 4,200 yards and 27 touchdowns, but his 19 interceptions were way too many for Dungy. Manning gets more freedom at the line of scrimmage to change plays, and he directs his players like a traffic cop, but some believe he should spend less

time directing traffic than just taking the snap and making a play.

Manning still hasn't won a playoff game—as kicker Mike Vanderjagt pointed out in his controversial interview after the playoffs—and that's an albatross he'll have around his neck until he proves otherwise. But ask any coach if they'd like to have him and it would be a unanimous yes. He took every snap last season, so backup Brock Huard won't get his hopes up again.

Running back

After a tumultuous 2002 offseason in which he was heavily criticized for not returning to Indianapolis to rehab his reconstructed knee, Edgerrin James tried to play last year and refused to talk to the media. James gave a gallant effort, but he wasn't his usual self, rushing for only 989 yards and averaging just 3.6 yards per carry. He averaged only 5.8 yards on 61 receptions. James is supposed to be healthy again and raring to make up for last season.

When James suffered the knee injury in 2001, his replacement, rookie free agent Dominic Rhodes, cracked the 1,000-yard barrier. Last season, Rhodes blew out his knee, too. James Mungro, signed as a street free agent, came off the bench to rush for 336 yards and eight touchdowns. With all three healthy this season, the Colts' running game should return to its lofty status as one of the NFL's most productive. Fullback Detron Smith is a powerful blocker who gives way for an extra tight end or wideout in one-back sets.

Receivers

Grade: A-

Grade: A-

General Manager Bill Polian continues to invest heavily in receivers and tight ends. Wide receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne are former No. 1 picks. Tight end Dallas Clark was their firstround pick this season. Harrison, of course, has become a perennial Pro Bowl selection. He set an NFL record with 143 catches last season good for 1,722 yards and 11 touchdowns. Wayne added 49 for 716 and four scores. Free-agent acquisition Brandon Stokley had 24 catches in his last season at Baltimore.

Offensive coordinator Tom Moore likes to use two-tight end sets. That's why the Colts drafted Clark, the best in the draft at his position, to go with veteran Marcus Pollard, who had 43 catches for 478 yards and six touchdowns in '02.

Defensive line

Grade: B-

The Colts were eighth in defense but 20th against the run. Opponents averaged 4.3 yards per carry and ran for 16 touchdowns. That's an indictment of the front seven. Except for tackle Larry Tripplett, the linemen are better at getting the quarterback than



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Rich Coady, S

► Brandon Stokley, WR (BAL)

► Montae Reagor, DT (DEN)

► Jim Nelson, LB

The Colts have been active in free agency, but if safety Rich Coady, linebacker Jim Nelson, defensive tackle Montae Reagor or receiver Brandon Stokley earn a starting job, it'll be surprising. Still, all four should contribute, especially those on defense.

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	351.0	9
Rushing	97.6	26
Passing	253.4	4
Scoring	349	17
Punt Returns	7.6	26
Kick Returns	20.5	24
Red Zone TD %	52.0	19
Total Defense	306.8	8
Against Rush	124.5	20
Against Pass	182.3	2
Points Allowed	313	7
Interceptions	10	26t
Sacks	36	9
Turnover Diff.	-5	21t
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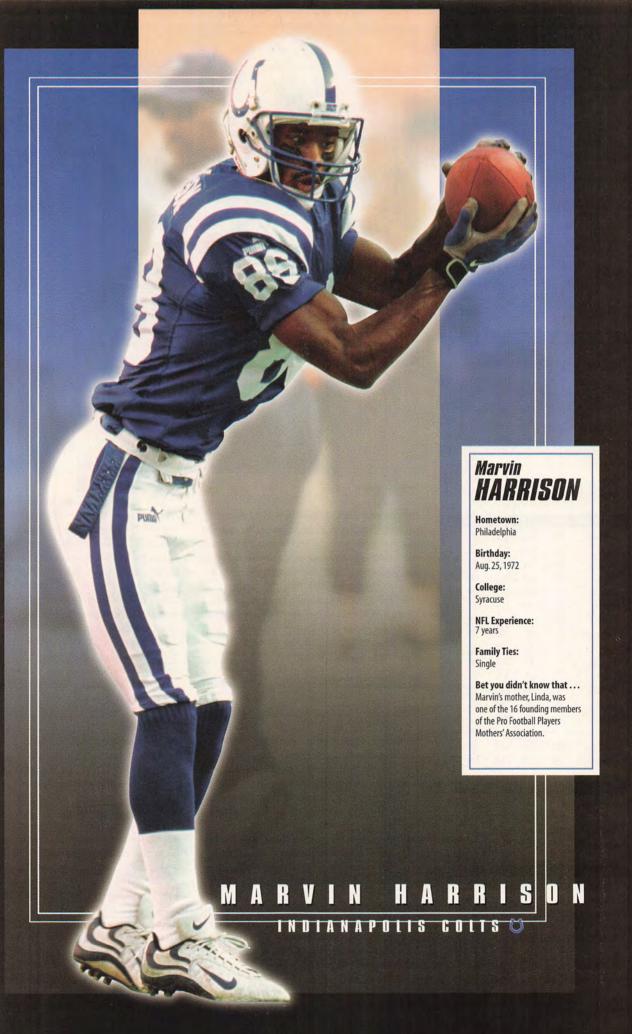
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2002 FINAL STATS Won 10, Lost 6

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	
09/08	W	28-25	at Jacksonville	
09/15	L	13-21	Miami	
09/22	W	23-3	at Houston	
10/06	W	28-21	Cincinnati	
10/13	W	22-20	Baltimore	
10/21	L	10-28	at Pittsburgh	
10/27	L	21-26	at Washington	
11/03	L	15-23	Tennessee	
11/10	W	35-13	at Philadelphia	
11/17	W	20-3	Dallas	
11/24	W	23-20 (OT)	at Denver	
12/01	W	19-3	Houston	
12/08	L	17-27	at Tennessee	
12/15	W	28-23	at Cleveland	
12/22	L	27-44	New York Giants	
12/29	W	20-13	Jacksonville	

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
James	277	989	3.6	20	2
Mungro	97	336	3.5	49	8
Manning	38	148	3.9	13	2
Williams	11	35	3.2	10	0
Walters	2	33	16.5	17	0
Harrison	2	10	5.0	8	0
Finn	5	8	1.6	5	0
Denson	2	2	1.0	3	0
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Colts	434	1561	3.6	49	12
Opponents	459	1992	4.3	67t	16

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Harrison	143	1722	12.0	69	11
James	61	354	5.8	23	1
Wayne	49	716	14.6	49	4
Ismail	44	462	10.5	42t	3
Pollard	43	478	11.1	41t	6
Walters	18	207	11.5	27	0
Mungro	13	81	6.2	11	0
Davenport	8	70	8.8	22	0
Finn	6	31	5.2	12	0
Wiggins	2	17	8.5	9	0
Roberg	2	17	8.5	15	1
Williams	1	20	20.0	20t	1
Smith	1	14	14.0	14	0
Haddad	1	11	11.0	11	0
Colts	392	4200	10.7	69	27
Opponents	288	3160	11.0	82t	19

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Manning	591	392	4200	27	19
Colts	591	392	4200	27	19
Opponents	468	288	3160	19	10

SACKS

Freeney 13.0, Scioli 7.0, Bratzke 6.0, Morris 3.0, Washington 2.0, Brock 1.0, Cannida 1.0, Gibson 1.0, Mallard 1.0, Williams 1.0

Colts 36.0, Opponents 23.0

t=touchdown



Dwight Freeney, DE

the running back. Tripplett, a 314-pound, second-round pick in 2002, needs to provide muscle up the middle and help stuff the run.

Brad Scioli, the other tackle, registered seven sacks, one more than end Chad Bratzke. As a rookie, super-quick end Dwight Freeney recorded 13 sacks and was runner-up for NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. Montae Reagor, a free-agent tackle from Denver, figures into the mix. As a group, this unit has got to be more productive against the run.

Linebackers

Grade: C-

The team's best linebacker, Mike Peterson, signed with Jacksonville, leaving a big hole on the outside that will be filled by David Thornton, a fourth-round pick out of North Carolina last year. Peterson dropped into coverage well and actually led the team with a paltry three interceptions.

Thornton is raw but talented, and opponents will try to capitalize on his lack of starting experience. Opposite Thornton is Marcus Washington, a 247-pound, three-year veteran who loves to take on blockers. He doesn't have the speed to consistently cover receivers, but he adds the kind of physical presence Dungy likes. Former No. 1 pick Rob Morris has never been the run-stuffer the Colts envisioned, but it's never too late to start. The key for Morris is to stay healthy. Free agent Jim Nelson should be a valuable reserve.

Secondary

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This area was the kind of weakness that Dungy abhors. In his cover-two scheme, he's got to have defensive backs who can run, hit and catch. Of the team's 10 interceptions, cornerbacks Walt Harris and David Macklin combined for three, the same number as safeties Idrees Bashir and David Gibson. Going into his eighth season, Harris has to provide leadership and some big-play ability in a secondary so desperate for both.

Free agent Rich Coady arrives from Tennessee and can play either safety position. Mike Doss, the second-round pick from national champion Ohio State, should be able to beat out Gibson at strong safety at some point this season. Doss is smart, and he's got outstanding speed. He also can play either safety position. Donald Strickland, a third-round pick, could be the nickel corner. He's a physical cornerback who lacks size (5-10, 187) but makes a lot of tackles. He also has terrific speed.

Special teams

Grade: C+

The Colts are too smart to dump Vanderjagt just because he shot off his mouth and questioned the leadership of Dungy and Manning. Although he scored 103 points, Vanderjagt missed eight field goals, including five from between the 45 and 49. He was perfect on three kicks from the 50 on out. Punter Hunter Smith placed 26 inside the 20 but had nine touchbacks. But he gets hang time, and the punt coverage was superb, allowing only 5.8 yards per return.

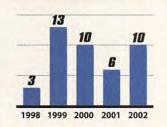
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Tickets: (317) 297-7000 Web site: www.colts.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Indianapolis	56,670	101	\$46.77	\$5.00	20oz	\$3.00	20oz	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$14.95
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	180z	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR



2003 Schedule

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Dec. 7	@Tennessee	1:00
Dec. 14	Atlanta	1:00
Dec. 21	Denver	8:30
Dec. 28	@Houston	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Peyton Manning
FB	Detron Smith
RB	Edgerrin James
LT	Tarik Glenn
LG	Rick DeMulling
C	Jeff Saturday
RG	Ryan Diem
RT	Adam Meadows
TE	Marcus Pollard
WR	Marvin Harrison
WR	Reggie Wayne

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E	Chad Bratzke
LT	Brad Scioli
RT	Larry Tripplett
RE	Dwight Freeney
OLB	David Thornton
MLB	Rob Morris
OLB	Marcus Washington
CB	Walt Harris
СВ	David Macklin
SS	David Gibson
FS	Idrees Bashir

Pos.	
P	Hunter Smith
K	Mike Vanderjagt
PR	Troy Walters
KR	Troy Walters

The return game ranged from mediocre on kickoffs to horrendous on punts and has to improve to get better field position for the offense.

Management Grade: B

General Manager Bill Polian has been voted NFL Executive of the Year five times with Buffalo, Carolina and Indianapolis, but he's never won a Super Bowl. Polian is an excellent judge of talent, and he's got a solid personnel staff.

Dungy is one of the league's most popular coaches, but he's never been to a Super Bowl. He joined a team that can't win a playoff game. Dungy hasn't been able to implement the kind of offensive or defensive style he

prefers because of the talent level, but he'll get there eventually. Whether that's good for the Colts remains to be seen. His primary fault is being loyal to a fault with his assistants.

Bottom line

On paper, at least, the Colts didn't make enough improvement in the offseason to move up a step and dislodge the Titans from the division lead. But with an explosive offense built around Manning, Harrison and a healthy James, they'll continue to score a lot of points. And the defense should improve for a second consecutive season. They should seriously challenge for another wild-card berth.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Tony Dungy, head coach

Jim Caldwell, quarterbacks; Clyde Christiansen, wide receivers; Chris Foerster, tight ends; Richard Howell, assistant strength and conditioning; Gene Huey, running backs; Ron Meeks, defensive coordinator; Tom Moore, offensive coordinator; Howard Mudd, offensive line; Mike Murphy, linebackers; Russ Purnell, special teams; John Teerlinck, defensive line; Ricky Thomas, offensive assistant; Jon Torine, strength and conditioning; Alan Williams, defensive assistant

#	QUARTERBACK	0.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
16	Druckenmiller, Jim	QB	6-5	230	09/19/1972	2	Virginia Tech
7	Huard, Brock	QB	6-4	232	04/15/1976	2	Washington
18	Manning, Peyton	QB	6-5	230	03/24/1976	5	Tennessee
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Anderle, Matt	T	6-6	327	02/14/1979	0	Minnesota
64	DeMulling, Rick	G	6-4	304	07/21/1977	2	Idaho
71	Diem, Ryan	G	6-6	331	07/01/1979	2	Northern Illinois
78	Glenn, Tarik	T	6-5	332	05/25/1976	6	California
73	Meadows, Adam	T	6-5	290	01/25/1974	6	Georgia
61	Murphy, Rob	G	6-5	310	01/18/1977	1	Ohio State
56 63	Peko, Tupe Saturday, Jeff	(6-4 6-2	300 291	09/19/1978	0	Michigan State
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#	RUNNING BACKS	DD	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Allen, Brian	RB	5-9	209	04/20/1980	0	Stanford
32	James, Edgerrin	RB	6-1	214	08/01/1978	4	Miami (FL)
23	Mungro, James	RB	5-9	214	02/13/1978	1	Syracuse
33	Rhodes, Dominic	RB	5-9	208	01/17/1979	1	Midwestern Texas S
39	Smith, Detron	RB RB	5-10 5-8	229	02/25/1974	7 2	Texas A&M
35	Stith, Shyrone Williams, Ricky	RB	5-7	195	04/02/1978 08/29/1978	1	Virginia Tech Texas Tech
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#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Davenport, Joe Dean	TE	6-6	268	10/29/1976	2	Arkansas
84	Haddad, Drew	WR	5-11	187	08/15/1978	1	Buffalo
88	Harrison, Marvin	WR	6-1	175	08/25/1972	7	Syracuse
15	Herzing, Adam	WR	6-2	197	09/23/1980	0	Cal Poly
81	Pollard, Marcus	TE	6-3	247	02/08/1972	8	Bradley
85 48	Roberg, Mike	TE TE	6-4	263 232	09/18/1977	2	Idaho
40	Snow, Justin Stokley, Brandon	WR	5-11	197	12/21/1976 06/23/1976	4	Baylor S.W. Lauisiana
86	Walters, Troy	WR	5-7	172	12/15/1976	3	S.W. Louisiana Stanford
87	Wayne, Reggie	WR	6-1	203	11/17/1978	2	Miami (FL)
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92	DEFENSIVE LINE	DE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
79	Bratzke, Chad Brock, Raheem	DE	6-5 6-4	270 257	09/15/1971	1	Eastern Kentucky
97		DT	6-2	305	06/10/1978	5	Temple Nevada
93	Cannida, James Freeney, Dwight	DE	6-1	268	01/03/1975 01/04/1978	1	Syracuse
68	Mallard, Joshua	DE	6-2	254	03/21/1979	1	Georgia
67	Olsen, Hans	DT	6-4	294	07/31/1977	1	Brigham Young
95	Pugh, David	DT	6-2	270	07/24/1979	1	Virginia Tech
1	Reagor, Montae	DT	6-3	285	06/29/1977	4	Texas Tech
99	Scioli, Brad	DE	6-3	280	09/06/1976	4	Penn State
75	Tripplett, Larry	DT	6-2	314	01/18/1979	1	Washington
96	Williams, Josh	DT	6-3	285	08/09/1976	3	Michigan
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Bashir, Idrees	S	6-2	198	12/07/1978	2	Memphis
41	Bird, Cory	S	5-10	213	08/10/1978	2	Virginia Tech
71	Coady, Rich	S	6-1	215	01/26/1976	4	Texas A&M
31	Crosby, Clifton	CB	5-10	179	09/17/1974	3	Maryland
34	Doering, Jason	5	6-1	201	04/22/1978	2	Wisconsin
26	Gibson, David	S	6-1	210	11/05/1977	3	Southern California
25	Harper, Nick	CB	5-10	182	09/10/1974	2	Fort Valley State
21	Harris, Walt	CB	5-11	192	08/10/1974	7	Mississippi State
29	Jefferson, Joseph	CB	6-1	207	02/15/1980	1	Western Kentucky
27	Macklin, David	СВ	5-9	196	07/14/1978	3	Penn State
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
58	Johnson, J.R.	LB	6-1	240	06/20/1979	1	Syracuse
94	Morris, Rob	LB	6-2	243	01/18/1975	3	Brigham Young
56	Nelson, Jim	LB	6-1	234	04/16/1975	4	Penn State
	Thompson, Donnel	LB	6-1	237	02/17/1978	3	Wisconsin
54	Thornton, David	LB	6-2	230	11/01/1978	1	North Carolina
54 50		LB	6-3	247	10/17/1977	3	Auburn
	Washington, Marcus			WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE	
	24	Clark, Dallas	TE	6-3	257	06/12/79	lowa	
2	26	Doss, Mike	S	5-10	207	03/24/81	Ohio State	
	26	Strickland, Donald	СВ	5-10	187	11/24/80	Colorado	
4	25 -	Sciullo, Steve	T	6-5	330	08/27/80	Marshall	
5	3	Mathis, Robert	DE	6-1	231	02/26/81	Alabama A&M	
5	27	Whiteside, Keyon	LB	6-1	229	01/31/80	Tennessee	
6	25	June, Cato	5	6-1	218	11/18/79	Michigan	
6	35	Freitas, Makoa	G	6-4	307	11/23/79	Arizona	



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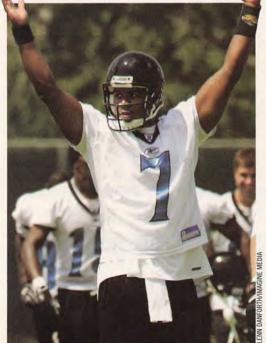
It's Wayne's world now in Jax-but he can blame it on Del Rio

Jags to rebuild under demonstrative young coach

fter three consecutive losing seasons in which they were 19-29, owner Wayne Weaver knew the Jaguars needed new direction. Rather than hire an experienced coach like Dennis Green, who wanted the kind of control fired coach Tom Coughlin had, Weaver gave Carolina defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio his first head-coaching job.

Weaver expects Del Rio will restore the kind of toughness and consistency on defense that had been missing. Weaver also opened the vault to acquire two high-priced free agents-defensive end Hugh Douglas and outside linebacker Mike Peterson. Weaver hopes the offense will focus on a running game built around the injury-prone Fred Taylor and be forced to rely less on quarterback Mark Brunell and a receiving corps that has diminished because of age, injury and the salary cap.





Offensive line

Grade: C

The Jaguars lost offensive tackles Tony Boselli and Zach Wiegert to Houston the last two offseasons, but they believe they're better off. They've rebuilt through the draft and free agency. As a group, the linemen are better run blockers than pass protectors. but part of the reason the Jaguars allowed 42 sacks is because they played from behind so much.

If they improve up front, there's no excuse for ranking 28th in passing again. Center Brad Meester and tackles Mike Pearson and Maurice Williams are former second-round draft choices who continue to improve. Barring injury, Pearson and Williams should make nice bookends for a long time. Veteran guard Chris Naeole was a No. 1 pick at New Orleans. Don't be surprised if guard Vince Manuwai, a third-round pick schooled in the run-andshoot at Hawaii, earns a starting job.

Quarterback

Grade: C+

Mark Brunell, who turns 33 in September, was told after the draft by Weaver that his contract wouldn't be restructured to make it more cap-friendly in 2004, when he'll count \$10.5 million. In other words, this could be Brunell's swan song with the Jaguars, particularly with No. 1 pick Byron Leftwich looming large in the shadows.

But wait a minute. What if Brunell has an outstanding season? He threw 17 touchdown passes and only seven interceptions last season. It's not Brunell's fault that running back Taylor can't stay healthy for 16 games or that management hasn't found a capable receiver to play opposite Jimmy Smith. Still, the Jaguars have invested a lot of money in Leftwich, so the proverbial handwriting is on the wall for Brunell.

Running backs

Grade: B+

Taylor better stay healthy for 16 games because his backup, Stacey Mack, signed with Houston. Mack scored 18 touchdowns replacing the injured Taylor the last two seasons. When healthy, Taylor's one of the league's best backs, a rare combination of power and speed. He rushed for 1,314 yards and averaged 4.6 yards a carry and caught 49 passes, second on the team. Elvis Joseph, who is entering his third season, goes to camp as Taylor's caddy, but don't overlook fourthround pick LaBrandon Toefield, especially if he stavs healthy.

Veteran fullback Marc Edwards, a journeyman who has bounced around the league, was signed to be the lead blocker for Taylor. Dan Alexander. signed after Tennessee waived him, will try to make the team as a reserve at running back and fullback.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Hugh Douglas, DE (PHI)

Marc Edwards, FB (NE)

Donald Hayes, WR (NE)

Jay Humphrey, OL (CAR)

Jermaine Lewis, WR (HOU)

Stacey Mack, RB (UFA-JAC)

Reggie McGrew, DT (ATL)

Johnnie Mitchell, TE Keith Mitchell, LB

(HOU) Mike Peterson, LB

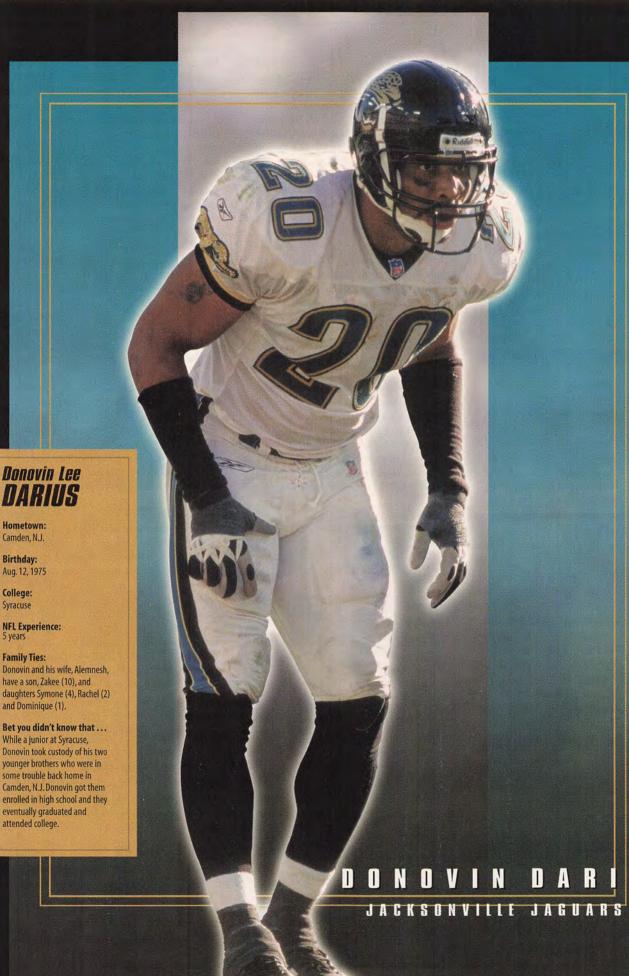
NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	303.2	25
Rushing	130.6	10
Passing	172.6	28
Scoring	328	21
Punt Returns	11.1	9
Kick Returns	18.8	32
Red Zone TD %	54.9	12t
Total Defense	333.4	20
Against Rush	129.4	25
Against Pass	204.0	14
Points Allowed	315	9
Interceptions	14	22t
Sacks	36	14
Turnover Diff.	+12	5t
First Downs Total Rush	Pass P	enalty
275 105	156	14

Red Zone Offense FG 51 17 Touchdowns

Rush Pass Ret. Def.

JAGUAR FACT



Donovin Lee DARIUS

Hometown: Camden, N.J.

Birthday: Aug. 12, 1975

NFL Experience: 5 years

While a junior at Syracuse,

some trouble back home in

eventually graduated and attended college.

Family Ties:

College: Syracuse

2002 FINAL STATS Won 6, Lost 10

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	25-28	Indianapolis
09/15	W	23-16	at Kansas City
09/29	W	28-3	New York Jets
10/06	W	28-25	Philadelphia
10/13	L	14-23	at Tennessee
10/20	L	10-17	at Baltimore
10/27	L	19-21	Houston
11/03	1	17-24	at New York Giants
11/10	W	26-7	Washington
11/17	W	24-21	at Houston
11/24	L	19-21	at Dallas
12/01	L	23-25	Pittsburgh
12/08	L	20-21	Cleveland
12/15	W	29-15	at Cincinnati
12/22	L	10-28	Tennessee
12/29	1	13-20	at Indianapolis

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Taylor	287	1314	4.6	63t	8
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Garrard	25	139	5.6	41t	2
Smith	1	2	2.0	2	0
Johnson	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
Jaguars	455	2089	4.6	63t	19
Opponents	487	2071	4.3	44t	14

REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
80	1027	12.8	47	7
49	408	8.3	72	0
44	525	11.9	48	1
43	461	10.7	42	4
25	246	9.8	45	2
11	79	7.2	12	0
9	187	20.8	79	2
5	76	15.2	35	2
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PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Brunell	416	245	2788	17	7
Garrard	46	23	231	1	2
Jaguars	462	268	3019	18	9
Opponents	519	314	3488	19	14

SACKS

Henderson 6.5, Stroud 6.5, Coleman 5.0, Spicer 4.0, Ayodele 3.0, Clark 2.0, Meier 2.0, Brackens 1.0, Charlton 1.0, Darius 1.0, McCree 1.0, Rainer 1.0, Smith 1.0, Westmoreland 1.0

Jaguars 36.0, Opponents 42.0

t=touchdown

Receivers

Because of the salary cap, Smith lost running buddy Keenan McCardell, who won a Super Bowl ring with Tampa Bay. Without McCardell to take some pressure off, Smith still caught 80 passes for 1,027 yards and seven touchdowns. While Smith is reliable, he's no longer a deep threat, and the Jaguars are desperate to find a legitimate target to play opposite him, preferably someone with speed. Donald Hayes, a free agent from New England, enters camp as the other starter, but he, too, lacks the kind of speed the Jaguars need.

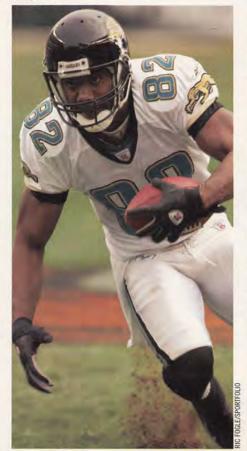
Grade: C-

Tight end Kyle Brady had 43 catches for four touchdowns and needs to play a more prominent role in the passing game. At 6-6, 278 pounds, Brady is a huge target, but he's nothing but a short and intermediate threat, just like the other receivers.

Defensive line Grade: A-

This position has been upgraded more than any other over the last two years. Tackles Marcus Stroud and John Henderson were consecutive No. 1 picks who combined for 13 sacks last season. Henderson, 6-7, and Stroud, 6-6, clog the middle and make it difficult for quarterbacks to get the ball past them. They should be even better this season because they have another year of experience, not to mention they're being joined by end Douglas.

Jimmy Smith, WR



Douglas, who'll be 32 when the season begins, spent his first eight seasons with the Jets and Eagles and developed into one of the NFL's best pass rushers. He led the Eagles with 12.5 sacks last season, but they declined to pay him the big bucks at this stage of his career. The Jaguars hope he plays with the same intensity and isn't just interested in easing into retirement. Marco Coleman, the other end, had five sacks in '02. Tony Brackens, who restructured his contract, is coming off major knee surgery. As a group, they need to improve their run defense.

Linebackers

Grade C-

This area has undergone major reconstruction over the last couple of years. The coaches weren't happy with the run defense or pass coverage. T.J. Slaughter is the defensive leader in the middle. He doesn't get much recognition outside. Although he's undersized, Slaughter is a hard hitter who covers a lot of ground.

Free agents Peterson and Keith Mitchell are new starters on the outside. Peterson is a sure tackler who is splendid on coverage. He led the Colts with three interceptions last season. Mitchell was a disappointment in his only season at Houston because of injuries. The Jaguars hope he responds positively in his new environment. Danny Clark, Joe Tuipala and Akin Ayodele are talented young linebackers itching for more playing time.

Secondary

Grade: B

The starting defensive backs—all drafted by the Jaguars—comprise an up-and-coming secondary that could eventually become one of the league's best. Only strong safety Donovin Darius reaches 6-0 and 200 pounds. Darius, the most seasoned member of the group, is a hard hitter who plays like a linebacker. Free safety Marlon McCree has terrific range, which helped him intercept a team-high six passes. Second-round pick Rashean Mathis, who played cornerback in college, is 6-1, 202 and has speed. He'll back up Darius going into camp.

Fernando Bryant and Jason Craft are undersized corners, but they've got the speed and quickness necessary for man coverage. Bryant, the best cover corner on the roster, is vastly underrated. They're not big or strong enough to be taken seriously against the run, but that's not why they're on the roster. Ike Charlton and Kiwaukee Thomas are veteran backups.

Special teams

Grade: C-

The kicking game was a joke last season when four different kickers made field goals. Danny Boyd, who was perfect on five field goals and seven extra points, is the only kicker returning for another chance. Del Rio hopes he gets the kind of consistency that was sorely lacking. Punter Chris Hanson, a three-year veteran, had a gross average of 44.2 and a net of 37.6. He had

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FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

77.1

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Dec.7	Houston	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Mark Brunell
FB	Marc Edwards
RB	Fred Taylor
LT	Mike Pearson

Vince Manuwai **Brad Meester** C RG Chris Naeole Maurice Williams

TE Kyle Brady WR **Donald Hayes**

Jimmy Smith

WR

LE	Marco Coleman
T	Marcus Stroud
RT	John Henderson
RE	Hugh Douglas
OLB	Keith Mitchell
MLB	T.J. Slaughter
OLB	Mike Peterson
CB	Fernando Bryant
CB	Jason Craft
SS	Donovin Darius
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27 punts downed inside the 20, but 10 touchbacks-way too many.

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The coverage teams were above average. Kickoff returns were below average. Punt returner Bobby Shaw, who averaged 12.4 yards, left as a free agent. The Jags signed free agent Jermaine Lewis, who was one of the best two-way threats in the league at Baltimore but bombed out at Houston last season.

Management Grade: C-

It's obvious to almost everyone that Weaver is now running the show. After firing Coughlin, who had total control of personnel, Weaver looked to Baltimore to hire James Harris to run the personnel

department and Del Rio to coach the team. Harris learned under front-office men Ozzie Newsome and Phil Savage at Baltimore. Del Rio tutored under Ravens coach Brian Billick. Newsome, Savage and Billick are among the NFL's best at what they do. The jury's out on Harris, Del Rio and their staffs.

Bottom line

The Jaguars could be better than 6-10, but not good enough to compete for the playoffs. At the first sign of trouble, they might as well play Leftwich over Brunell and get on with it. The running game with Taylor, and a young, talented defense, should be the team's strong points.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Jack Del Rio, head coach

Bill Bates, special teams coordinator; Greg Finnegan, assistant strength and conditioning; Ken Anderson, quarterbacks; Anthony Lynn, running backs; Paul Boudreau, offensive line; Larry Kirksey, wide receivers; Mark Asanovich, strength and conditioning; Steve Shafer, assistant head coach; Paul McCord, assistant special teams; Ray Hamilton, defensive line; Alfredo Roberts, tight ends; Mike Sullivan, offensive assistant; Mike Haluchak, linebackers; Bill Musgrave, offensive coordinator; Alvin Reynolds, defensive backs;

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Brunell, Mark	QB	6-1	217	09/17/1970	10	Washington
9	Garrard, David	QB	6-1	237 245	02/14/1978	9	East Carolina Ohio State
7	Graham, Kent Gray, Quinn	QB QB	6-3	245	11/01/1968 05/21/1979	0	Florida A&M
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#	OFFENSIVE LINE	T.	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
67 79	Humphrey, Jay Inzer, Drew	T	6-6	314 305	06/20/1976 12/05/1979	0	Texas Brown
76	Jordan, Leander	Ġ	6-3	320	09/15/1977	1	Indiana (PA)
73	Kadela, Dave	T	6-6	287	05/06/1978	1	Virginia Tech
63	Meester, Brad	G	6-3	295	03/23/1977	3	Northern Iowa
65	Naeole, Chris	G	6-3	314	12/25/1974	6	Colorado
72	Pearson, Mike	T	6-7	303	08/02/1980	1	Florida
67	Terrell, Daryl	G	6-5	296	01/25/1975	4	Southern Mississipp
74	Williams, Maurice	T	6-5	310	01/26/1979	2	Michigan
#	RUNNING BACKS	375	HT	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
38	Alexander, Dan	RB	6-1	250	03/17/1978	2	Nebraska
44	Edwards, Marc	RB	6-1	245	11/17/1974	6	Notre Dame
35	Joseph, Elvis	RB	6-1	219	08/30/1978	2	Southern University
28	Taylor, Fred	RB	6-1	232	01/27/1976	5	Florida
31	Washington, Patrick	RB	6-2	244	03/04/1978	2	Virginia
#	RECEIVERS .	200	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Brady, Kyle	TE	6-6	278	01/14/1972	8	Penn State
89	Cercone, Matt	TE	6-5	252	11/30/1975	2	Arizona State
85	Douglas, Henry	WR	5-11	167	03/03/1977	0	North Carolina A&T
81	Hayes, Donald	WR	6-4	220	07/13/1975	5	Wisconsin
17	Hood, Kerry	WR	6-1	192	12/16/1976		South Carolina
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87	Mitchell, Johnnie Redmond, Jimmy	TE WR	6-1	192	08/18/1977	1	McNeese State
86	Ross, Micah	WR	6-2	219	01/13/1976	2	Jacksonville
82	Smith, Jimmy	WR	6-1	213	02/09/1969	9	Jackson State
02	St. Paul, Francis	WR	5-10	185	04/25/1979	Ó	Northern Arizona
88	Zelenka, Joe	TE	6-3	261	03/09/1976	4	Wake Forest
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#	Ballard, Clenton	DT	6-3	315	04/17/1979	0	Southwest Texas St
93	Barnes, Lionel	DE	6-5	274	04/19/1976		Northeast Louisiana
90	Brackens, Tony	DE	6-4	265	12/26/1974	3 7	Texas
	Cecere, Mike	DE	6-3	267	05/10/1978	0	Delaware
91	Coleman, Marco	DE	6-3	270	12/18/1969	11	Georgia Tech
96	Combs, Chris	DE	6-5	291	12/15/1976	3	Duke
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-	McGrew, Reggie	DT	6-1	312	12/16/1976	3	Florida
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93 96	Mills, Javor	DE DT	6-5 6-3	271 300	05/11/1979	5	Auburn Boston College
95	Morabito, Tim Spicer, Paul	DE	6-4	292	10/12/1973 08/18/1975	4	Saginaw Valley
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42	Boyd, James	S	5-11	207	10/17/1977	2	Penn State
25 23	Bryant, Fernando	CB CB	5-10	180 204	03/26/1977 10/06/1977	4	Alabama Virginia Tech
29	Charlton, Ike Craft, Jason	(B	5-11 5-10	179	02/13/1976	4	Colorado State
20	Darius, Donovin		6-1	214	08/12/1975	5	Syracuse
32	McCree, Marlon	S	5-11	198	03/17/1977	2	Kentucky
21	Smith, Steve	CB	6-1	190	06/28/1979	1	Oregon
41	Thomas, Kiwaukee	CB	5-11	189	06/19/1977	3	Georgia Southern
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51 56	Ayodele, Akin	LB LB	6-2	252 240	09/17/1979 03/03/1976	3	Purdue Fresno State
55	Brooks, Bobby Clark, Danny	LB	6-2 6-2	243	05/03/19/0	3	Illinois
58	Mitchell, Keith	LB	6-2	245	07/24/1974	6	Texas A&M
50	Peterson, Mike	LB	6-1	234	06/17/1976	4	Florida
53	Slaughter, T.J.	LB	6-1	233	02/20/1977	3	Southern Mississipp
57	Tuipala, Joe	LB	6-1	248	09/13/1976	2	San Diego State
52	Westmoreland, Eric	LB	6-1	233	03/11/1977	2	Tennessee
#	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
5	Boyd, Danny	K	6-1	213	06/01/1978	1	LSU
2	Hanson, Chris	P	6-2	215	10/25/1976	3	Marshall
17	Tuthill, James	K	6-2	250	03/25/1976	1	Cal Poly
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Georgia Southern

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TEXANS

Capers' Texas-sized job of building Texans into contender is right on schedule

But only expect slight improvement this season

eneral Manager Charley Casserly and coach Dom Capers have a plan from which they refuse to deviate. Because Bob McNair is a patient owner, Casserly and Capers don't have to make knee-jerk personnel decisions or invest big money in risky free agents. They've been around long enough to know they can't build a playoff team in two years under the current climate.

The Texans were much better on defense than offense in their first season as an expansion team. That's why they used seven of their 10 draft choices on offensive players, including quarterbacks Dave Ragone and Drew Henson, the latter of whom they hope to trade if he gives up baseball in the Yankees' minor league system. They have Henson's rights until the 2004 draft.

Offensive line

Grade: C

Because he couldn't play last season after undergoing another shoulder operation, left tackle Tony Boselli took a monster pay cut in the offseason. He can make up his losses with incentive bonuses based on playing time. If Boselli manages to play again at anywhere near the standard he set as a seven-time Pro Bowl selection at Jacksonville, the pieces to the offensive line puzzle should fall neatly into place.

Ideally, Chester Pitts, who replaced Boselli as a rookie last season, will play left guard next to Boselli. The coaches believe he's more suited to play inside. If Boselli can't play, free agent Zach Wiegert, another Jacksonville veteran coming off a knee injury, would move from the right side. Greg Randall, who started at right tackle for New England's Super Bowl winner two years ago and was acquired in an offseason trade, would then replace Wiegert. Veteran center Steve McKinney should be flanked by Pitts and Fred Weary, also second-year guard. A sleeper is another second-year guard, Milford Brown, a sixth-round supplemental pick last year who continues to impress the coaches.

Ouarterback

Despite being sacked an NFL-record 76 times, David Carr managed to start every game and take every snap as a rookie and the top pick in the draft. Carr, who threw nine touchdown passes and 15 interceptions, earned the respect of his teammates because of his toughness and refusal to complain about the lack of protection.

In truth, Carr was responsible for many of the sacks. He made a lot of mistakes of inexperience. Carr has a great arm and good awareness. He also ran better than anyone thought. He had 59 carries, a 4.8-yard average and three touchdowns. Veteran Tony Banks returns as the backup. Third-round pick Dave Ragone, whom the Texans had rated as a second-rounder, will be the third quarterback.

Running backs

Grade: D+

As an underclassman with less than two years starting experience at Ohio State, rookie running back Jonathan Wells had a lot to learn. He led the team with 529 yards, but only had a 2.7 average per carry. The coaches told him to lose weight, improve as a blocker and become more of a hard-nosed, north-south runner. Wells should make way for free agent Stacev Mack, who scored 18 touchdowns the last two seasons for Jacksonville, even though he played a part-time role.

Veteran James Allen had 519 yards rushing and was second on the team with 47 catches. As a rookie fullback, Jarrod Baxter was a physical blocker who might be better suited for a one-back set.

Receivers

Grade: B-

The Texans used the third pick in the first round on Miami receiver Andre Johnson. He's 6-2, 230 pounds and runs in the 4.3s. In three-receiver formations, Johnson will play opposite Corey Bradford, who had 45 catches, a 15.5-yard average and six touchdowns before an ankle injury slowed him over the second half of the season.

Jabar Gaffney, who entered the 2002 draft as a third-year sophomore and was drafted in the second round, caught 41 passes but scored only one touchdown-the same number he threw on an option pass. Tight end Billy Miller, a much better receiver than blocker, had a team-high 51 receptions. Don't be surprised if second-round pick Bennie Joppru (6-4, 272) becomes the regular tight end because he can beef up the running game and pass protection.

Defensive line

Grade: C

The Texans ranked 28th against the run, and the improvement has to start up front in the 3-4 scheme. End Gary Walker and nose tackle Seth Payne are



ADDITIONS

Patrick Chukwurah, LB

Charlie Clemons, LB (UFA-NO)

John Gilmore, DE

Stacey Mack, RB (UFA-JAC) Greg Randall, RT

(NE) Shannon Taylor, LB

Todd Washington, OL

Zach Wiegert, OL

(UFA-JAC) Casserly added two offensive

tackles in free agency (Zach Wiegert) and by trade (Greg Randall). He signed veteran center/quard Todd Washington to play a reserve role. Running back Stacey Mack signed a oneyear contract and will start.

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	223.3	32
Rushing	84.2	31
Passing	139.1	32
Scoring	213	32
Punt Returns	9.7	16
Kick Returns	19.9	29
Red Zone TD %	41.7	30
Total Defense	326.9	16
Against Rush	130.6	28
Against Pass	196.3	10
Points Allowed	356	20
Interceptions	10	26t
Sacks	35	16
Turnover Diff.	-8	26
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208 59	119	30

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Harry James **SHARPER Jr.**

Hometown: Richmond, Va.

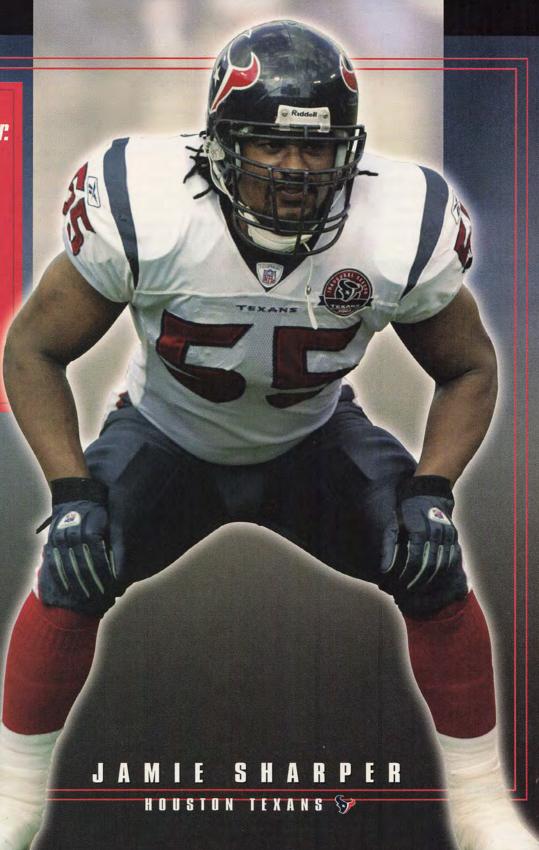
Birthday: Nov. 23, 1974

College: Virginia

NFL Experience: 6 years

Family Ties: Brother, Darren

Bet you didn't know that ... Jamie's brother, Darren, played football at William & Mary and is now a safety with the Green Bay Packers.



2002 FINAL STATS Won 4, Lost 12

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	19-10	Dallas
09/15	L	3-24	at San Diego
09/22	L	3-23	Indianapolis
09/29	L	17-35	at Philadelphia
10/13	L	24-31	Buffalo
10/20	L	17-34	at Cleveland
10/27	W	21-19	at Jacksonville
11/03	L	3-38	Cincinnati
11/10	1	10-17	at Tennessee
11/17	L	21-24	Jacksonville
11/24	W	16-14	New York Giants
12/01	L	3-19	at Indianapolis
12/08	W	24-6	at Pittsburgh
12/15	L	19-23	Baltimore
12/22	L	3-26	at Washington
12/29	L	3-13	Tennessee

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Wells	197	529	2.7	37	3
Allen	155	519	3.3	32	0
Carr	59	282	4.8	20	3
Baxter	7	14	2.0	6	0
Lewis	3	8	2.7	5	0
Stanley	1	6	6.0	6	0
Bradford	2	-11	-5.5	0	0
Texans	424	1347	3.2	37	6
Opponents	509	2089	4.1	70	14

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Miller	51	613	12.0	42	3
Allen	47	302	6.4	21	0
Bradford	45	697	15.5	81	6
Gaffney	41	483	11.8	27	1
Dawson	21	286	13.6	28	0
Wells	9	48	5.3	9	0
Holloway	7	73	10.4	24	0
Black	6	52	8.7	14	0
Baxter	5	33	6.6	14	1
Lewis	2	41	20.5	33	0
Harris	1	8	8.0	8	0
Texans	235	2636	11.2	81	11
Opponents	281	3378	12.0	57t	23

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Carr	444	233	2592	9	15
Gaffney	1	1	39	1	0
Allen	2	1	5	1	0
Texans	447	235	2636	11	15
Opponents	512	281	3378	23	10

SACKS

Posey 8.0, Walker 6.5, Sharper 5.5, Wong 5.5, Carter 1.0, DeLoach 1.0, Glenn 1.0, Mitchell 1.0, Payne 1.0, Sears 1.0, Simmons 1.0, Wright 1.0, Brown 0.5

Texans 30.0, Opponents 25.0

t=touchdown

experienced starters. Walker, who had 6.5 sacks, is the team's best lineman. They'd like for one of the young linemen to beat out end Jerry DeLoach.

Outside linebackers Kailee Wong and Charlie Clemons, signed as a free agent from New Orleans, drop down in passing situations. Clemons is under pressure to replace Jeff Posey, who led the team with eight sacks, then signed with Buffalo. Clemons had 13.5 sacks for the Saints two years ago and plummeted to 0.5 last season.

Linebackers

Grade: B

In defensive coordinator Vic Fangio's 3-4 system, the linebackers should be the stars. Jay Foreman, the leading tackler, and Jamie Sharper, who had 5.5 sacks, return on the inside. Both are better against the run than the pass. Sharper is the better pass rusher. They're in position to make the most tackles.

Wong also had 5.5 sacks. If Clemons rebounds from his awful 2002 season, he can be a terrific replacement for Posey. Rookie Antwan Peek, a third-round pick who played end in college, is more suited for outside line-backer in a 3-4. Because of his quickness, he could develop into a big-time pass rusher.

Secondary

Grade: B-

Cornerback Aaron Glenn was the Texans' best player last season. He led the team with five interceptions, averaged 36.2 yards returning

Aaron Glenn, CB

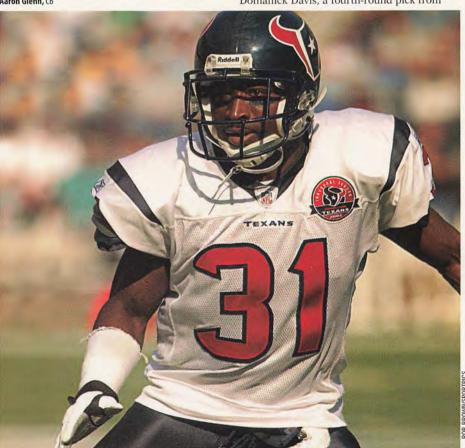
them and scored two touchdowns. He was also a dynamic team leader. Marcus Coleman, the other corner, wasn't as good as Glenn, but he wasn't bad, either. Coleman is bigger (6-2, 210) and hits harder, but he lacks Glenn's instincts and speed for the position. Kenny Wright and Jason Bell return as the backups.

Strong safety Eric Brown played better than anyone anticipated and was rewarded with a new contract. In the Texans' system, the strong safety has to be able to run and cover, plus play the run. The free safeties, Matt Stevens and Kevin Williams, are liabilities. The coaches would love to find or develop a free safety who can tackle and cover a lot of ground.

Special teams Grade: B+

Kicker Kris Brown and punter Chad Stanley were better than expected. After escaping Pittsburgh as a free agent, Brown was 17-of-23 on field goals, with only three misses inside the 50. Stanley had a league-high 114 punts and only six touchbacks. He had a 36.8-yard net average and left 36 punts inside the 20.

In the expansion draft, the Texans took
Jermaine Lewis because he was a Pro Bowl
return specialist with Baltimore. Because of
injuries or lack of concentration or whatever,
Lewis was a major disappointment and was
given his pink slip. Receiver Avion Black
excelled at returns when Lewis was injured or
benched. He averaged 13.4 yards on punt
returns and scored a touchdown, plus 22 yards
on kickoff returns. Rookie running back
Domanick Davis, a fourth-round pick from



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FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND 1999 2000 2001 2002

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LSU, might also figure into the return game. Coverage on kickoffs and punts was outstanding.

Management Grade: A-

Casserly has one of the largest personnel departments in the league because he believes strongly that scouting is the lifeblood of the organization. One of his goals was to add extra picks in 2004, the first year the Texans wouldn't have additional picks for being an expansion team. He ended up with extra second- and fourthround picks next year.

Capers and offensive coordinator Chris Palmer were head coaches at Carolina and Cleveland, respectively, when they became

expansion teams. They know the obstacles confronting them, and they have the patience to not panic. Palmer coaches quarterbacks and calls the plays, but Capers keeps a firm hand on everything. Overall, he has a solid staff that specializes in teaching and developing.

Bottom line

Despite upgrading the skill positions and offensive line, the Texans should still finish in the division basement, but they're definitely moving in the right direction. They've got a solid plan, and they're sticking with it. They should be able to win five or six games, then possibly compete for the playoffs in 2004.

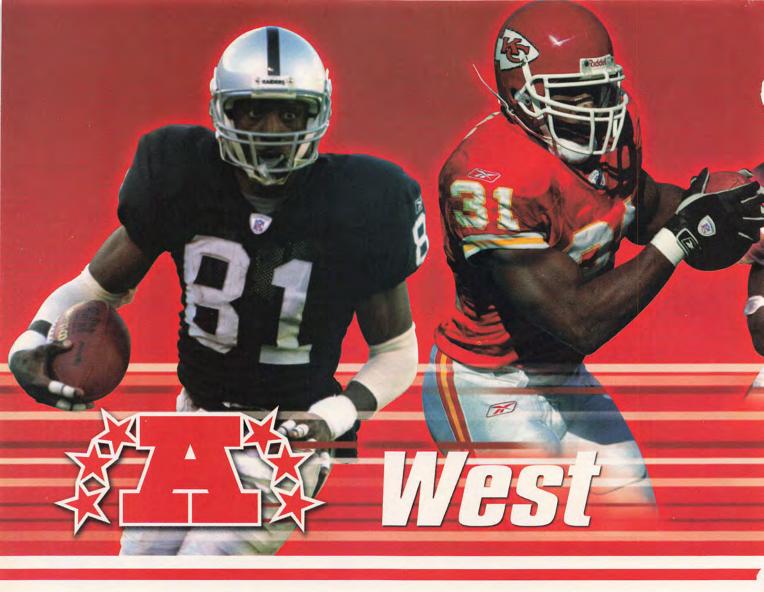
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HOUSTON TEXANS

Dom Capers, head coach

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90	Green, Howard	DT	6-2	320	01/12/1979	1	LSU
94	Hill, Charles	DT	6-2	293	11/01/1980	1	Maryland
91	Payne, Seth	DT	6-4	303	02/12/1975	6	Cornell
92	Sears, Corey	DE	6-3	319	04/15/1973	4	Mississippi State
330	Spriggs, Marcus	DT	6-4	314	07/26/1976	2	Troy State
96	Walker, Gary	DT	6-2	305	02/28/1973	8	Auburn
97	Worthen, Shawn	DT	6-1	316	09/12/1978	1	Texas Christian
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	337	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Bell, Jason	CB	6-1	182	04/01/1978	2	UCLA
24	Brown, Eric	5	6-1 6-2	210	03/20/1975	5	Mississippi State
42	Coleman, Marcus	CB	6-2	210	05/24/1974	7	Texas Tech
28	Dennis, Pat	CB	6-1	203	06/30/1978	3	Louisiana-Monroe
38	Faggins, DeMarcus	CB	5-10	178	06/13/1979	1	Kansas State
31	Glenn, Aaron	CB	5-9	185	07/16/1972	9	Texas A&M
34	Hebert, Kyries	5	6-3	205	10/09/1980	0	Louisiana-Lafayette
39	Jennings, Brandon	CB	6-1	190	07/15/1978		Texas A&M
30	Simmons, Jason	CB	5-9	198	03/30/1976	3 5	Arizona State
26	Stevens, Matt		6-1	205	06/14/1973	7	Appalachian State
28	Tillman, Travares	S	6-1	190	10/08/1977	2	Georgia Tech
37	Vaughn, Darrick	CB	5-11	193	10/02/1978	2	Southwest Texas Sta
41	Walker, Ramon	5	6-1	197	11/08/1979	1	Pittsburgh
23	Williams, Kevin	S	6-1	192	08/04/1975	4	Oklahoma State
43	Wright, Kenny	CB	6-1	205	09/14/1977	4	Northwestern State
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
50		LB	6-1	250	03/01/1979	2	Wyoming
**	Chukwurah, Patrick	10	6.3	250	07/04/1073	-	Charles
54	Clemons, Charlie	LB	6-2	243	12/03/1977	1	Cincinnati
93	Evans, Troy	LB	6-3 6-4	273	03/01/1978	3	Cincinnati Arizona State
56	Flowers, Erik	LB	6-1	240	02/18/1976	4	Nebraska
57	Foreman, Jay Lamar, Jason	LB		228	11/10/1978	1	Toledo
57 51	McClain, Jimmy	LB	6-1	231	07/23/1980	1	Troy State
55	Sharper, Jamie	LB	6-3	240	11/23/1974	6	Virginia
54	Taylor, Shannon	LB	6-3	247	02/16/1975	3	Virginia
59	Wilson, Antonio	LB	6-2	247	12/29/1977	3	Texas A&M-Comme
52	Wong, Kailee	LB	6-2 6-2	250	05/23/1976	5	Stanford
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Veteran Raiders to hold off challenges from retooled rivals

By Larry Weisman, USA Today

he Oakland Raiders made their first Super Bowl appearance in nearly 20 years just a little less than impressive. Their Pro Bowl center went AWOL, their Pro Bowl quarterback's passes found the wrong team all too easily and a late comeback failed to erase a double-digit deficit.

The Raiders, according to the conventional wisdom, were built for a one-year run. But what about them has changed so significantly that they can't again outdistance the field in, if not the conference, their division?

Denver's season hinges on Jake Plummer and a retooled defense (scheme included).

With three new starters in the secondary, the Broncos cannot be passive against the pass. A better push up front would certainly help because coverage sacks are not forthcoming. If tackle Daryl Gardener plays as well as he did in Washington, the Broncos will remain firm against the run in a division with very capable backs.

Defensive deficiencies mire Kansas City and San Diego. The Chiefs brought in people to get help them get better while the Chargers went the other way and got rid of some well-known contributors. The Chargers ranked 30th in the league in total defense and were last against the pass, while the Chiefs were last in total defense and 31st against the pass.

This division was up for grabs much of last season, with Denver and San Diego starting strong and tailing off. A little more consistency and this group could mirror the AFC East for closeness.

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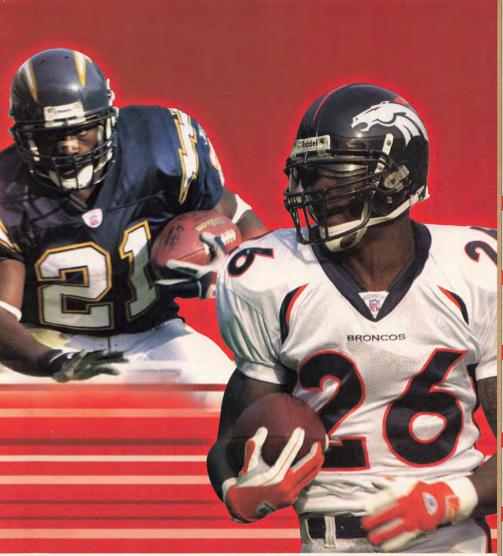
Assuming age does not overtake them in December—and it could—the Raiders should be favored in the AFC West.

They're not replacing a quarterback, as Denver is, or rebuilding their defense (as are the other three teams). Sure, they've made some changes, but nothing as significant as the one they went through last year, when Bill Callahan stepped in as coach for Jon Gruden.

DENVER BRONCOS

Plummer's history of comeback victories should be enticing, but how often were

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Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Bill Romanowski, LB, Oakland

With Romo, every game is a big game. He's the one with the Super Bowl rings.

RUSHER:

Priest Holmes, RB, Kansas City

Just give him the darned ball. He knows how to do the rest.

RECEIVER:

Jerry Rice, WR, Oakland

How can we choose anyone but the NFL's all-time leader? Still productive in his 40s, comes off a 92-catch season, may never quit.

TACKLER:

Donnie Edwards, LB, San Diego

At home in the middle, he roams and ravages. Chiefs never should have let him escape.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Mike Maslowski, LB, Kansas City

And he's also a starting linebacker.

TEAMMATE:

Steve Beuerlein, QB, Denver

Calming presence with years of experience lending weight to his cool.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Shannon Sharpe, TE, Denver

The legs may be slowing down but the mouth keeps running.

INTELLECT:

Marcellus Wiley, DE, San Diego

Ivy Leaguer stands out in a meat-and-potatoes world.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Mike Shanahan, head coach, Denver

If he can get Jake Plummer to execute, he'll really be a genius.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Bruce Allen, senior assistant, Oakland

Raiders' front-office folks hold nebulous titles, but Allen is the de facto general manager and a master of contract extensions.

the Arizona Cardinals ever ahead and in position to protect a lead? Maybe that's a better measure of offensive efficiency. Plummer's decision-making and his poor TD/INT ratio are part of the package that coach Mike Shanahan must concern himself with.



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The Chiefs led the NFL in scoring, probably because they had to. That's tough to do twice, especially with Priest Holmes coming off a hip injury and threatening to withhold his services if his contract is not surgically enhanced. The Chiefs' two major defensive additions, end Vonnie Holliday and linebacker Shawn Barber, should make them better. Unfortunately, they

would need to make the Chiefs a whole lot better, and neither of them plays in the secondary.



SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

The Chargers kicked linebacker
Junior Seau to the curb, dealing him
to Miami, and cut head-banging strong
safety Rodney Harrison. Defensively
they'll need to find new leaders and a
new personality as they integrate new
personnel. The defense could be a
longer-term project, with these steps
just the beginning for coach Marty
Schottenheimer. It's hard to say the
Chargers got better defensively, but they
really couldn't be much worse. Like
Kansas City a year ago, they may have
to win games by scoring lots of points.



RAIDERS

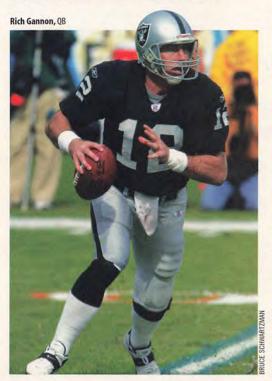
Ageless Raiders have enough life to get back to Super Bowl

But Oakland can't afford injuries to a thin secondary

o one will ever satisfactorily explain what went wrong in the Super Bowl. True, losing center Barret Robbins didn't help, but that provides no clues as to why Rich Gannon didn't see open receivers, why he threw five interceptions after a season of unerring accuracy and why the defense could not contain a journeyman running back.

Unlike the Raiders of old, this group saved its worst for last.

But most of them return for another try. This graybeard gang—Gannon, Jerry Rice and Tim Brown—still provides electricity and fits the quick passing scheme the Raiders employ. If the defense can avoid that nasty run of injuries at one position—remember that decimated secondary during the dash toward the Super Bowl?—then it has a chance of shoring up its lone weakness: against the pass.



Offensive line

Grade: A-

The Robbins case won't be solved easily. Whether he returns, and whether his teammates feel they can work with him, are big questions. The Raiders, fortunately, can stay with Adam Treu and sign a veteran backup if Robbins no longer finds a welcome in the clubhouse.

Guard Mo Collins was a free agent and drew almost no interest. So the Raiders might be able to bring him back. The best part of their line is tackles Lincoln Kennedy and Barry Sims, and neither did a very good job against Tampa Bay's speed rushers in the Super Bowl. Kennedy continually battles myriad nagging infirmities.

Chemistry. Was it destroyed by Robbins going AWOL? The Raiders have enough returning parts to regroup, and they won't face defensive fronts like Tampa Bay's every week, though every other AFC West team should be better rushing the passer this year.

Quarterbacks

Grade:

Gannon did everything a person could possibly do in '02, short of winning the Super Bowl. As the Raiders moved completely away from the dominant running team they had been only two years before, Gannon sharpened the darts and made a run at several of Dan Marino's long-standing passing records. He's heady, steady and dedicated.

None of the backups could possibly play at his level. Marques Tuiasosopo is untested, Rick Mirer continues to draw breath and Bobby Hoying may return. There's neither a cannon nor a future Gannon in that group.

Running backs

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Charlie Garner had a terrific year, and the Raiders can count on decent depth at this position. One thing is certain: They won't overwork anybody by handing him the ball 30 times. Garner came up just short of 1,000 yards but averaged 5.3 yards per attempt. It's not that the Raiders can't run the ball. It's just that they prefer to throw it.

Zack Crockett figures to emerge as the muscle, the short-yardage guy. The Raiders lost fullback Jon Ritchie after having reduced his role dramatically in their pass-first offense. He had been an effective receiver. The budding star could be rookie Justin Fargas, who adds 4.4 speed.

Receivers

Grade: A

Kind of like a Hall-of-Fame display that moves, Rice and Brown will find their way to Canton if they ever elect to retire. No one has caught more touchdown passes (or any kind of passes) than



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

▶ Dana Stubblefield, DT

Chris Hetherington, FB

► Ronney Jenkins, KR (SD)

► Cecil Martin, FB (UFA-PHI)

QUOTABLE

"You're looking at possibly 20 players getting overturned, bringing them back, renegotiating, restructuring or whatever you want to call it. Every year is going to be different and every year is different for every team now."

—Raiders coach Bill Callahan

NUMBERS

The Raiders led the NFL last season in total offense

RAIDER FACT

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	389.8	1
Rushing	110.1	18
Passing	279.7	1
Scoring	450	2
Punt Returns	11.0	10
Kick Returns	21.6	16
Red Zone TD %	56.7	9
Total Defense	311.2	11
Against Rush	90.8	3
Against Pass	220.4	23
Points Allowed	304	6
Interceptions	21	5t
Sacks	43	10
Turnover Diff.	+12	5t

 First Downs

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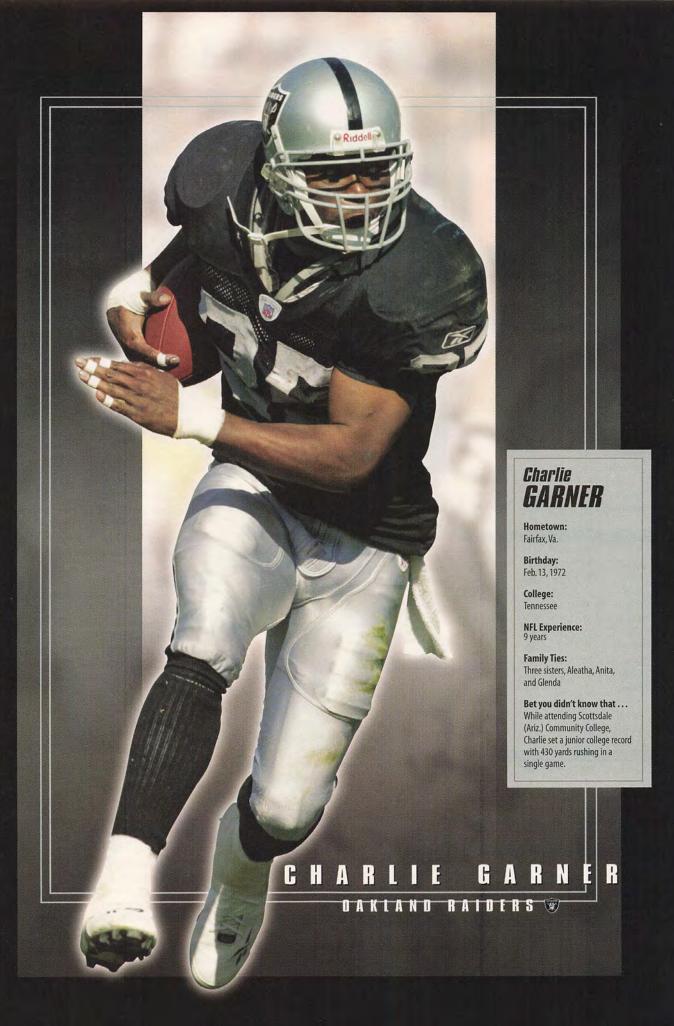
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 Touchdowns
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2002 FINAL STATS Won 11, Lost 5

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	31-17	Seattle
09/15	W	30-17	at Pittsburgh
09/29	W	52-25	Tennessee
10/06	W	49-31	at Buffalo
10/13	L	13-28	at St. Louis
10/20	L	21-27 (OT)	San Diego
10/27	L	10-20	at Kansas City
11/03	L	20-23 (OT)	San Francisco
11/11	W	34-10	at Denver
11/17	W	27-20	New England
11/24	W	41-20	at Arizona
12/02	W	26-20	New York Jets
12/08	W	27-7	at San Diego
12/15	L	17-23	at Miami
12/22	W	28-16	Denver
12/28	W	24-0	Kansas City

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Garner	182	962	5.3	36t	7
Wheatley	108	419	3.9	36	2
Gannon	50	156	3.1	24	3
Crockett	40	118	3.0	33	8
Kirby	16	51	3.2	13	0
Rice	3	20	6.7	12t	0
Brown	6	19	3.2	9	0
Jordan	3	14	4.7	12	1
Porter	4	6	1.5	4	0
Tuiasosopo	2	-3	-1.5	-1	0
Daidore	414	1762	12	26+	21

Opponents 384

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Rice	92	1211	13.2	75	7
Garner	91	941	10.3	69t	4
Brown	81	930	11.5	45	2
Porter	51	688	13.5	36	9
Jolley	32	409	12.8	33	2
Williams	27	213	7.9	19	0
Kirby	17	115	6.8	24	1
Wheatley	12	71	5.9	17	0
Ritchie	10	66	6.6	14	1
Knight	3	26	8.7	12	0
Jordan	2	19	9.5	15	0

opponents	340	3/0/	10.9	54	21	
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT	
Gannon	618	418	4689	26	10	
Kirby	1	0	0	0	0	
Raiders	619	418	4689	26	10	
Opponents	570	346	3787	21	21	

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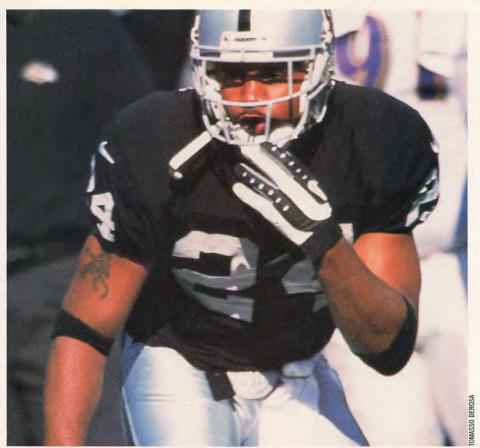
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Raiders

Coleman 11.0, Barton 6.0, Smith 5.0, Armstrong 4.0, Romanowski 4.0, Grant 3.0, Bryant 2.5, Adams 2.0, Upshaw 2.0, Cooper 1.0, Ioane 1.0, Parrella 1.0, Harris 0.5

Raiders 43.0, Opponents 36.0

t=touchdown



Charles Woodson, CB

Rice, and Brown pulled in his 1,000th career reception last year.

Even as they hog the headlines, Jerry Porter continues to emerge as the acrobat of the group. He began to eclipse Brown during the second half of last season and could ease him out of the starting lineup. Long and lean, Porter uses his body well and can go up and get the ball. Another youngster to watch: tight end Doug Jolley.

Defensive line Grade: B+

When the D-line gets together, people think it's an AARP meeting. Trace Armstrong returns for his 15th season and Dana Stubblefield comes over from his second tour with San Francisco to replace Sam Adams. That's a wash. The anchor inside remains John Parrella. With Regan Upshaw gone, look for more from DeLawrence Grant as a pass-rushing end.

The wild card in all of this is Darrell Russell, the talented interior force who was suspended for the 2002 season. Coach Bill Callahan was adamant in denying that Russell would have any role with the club once reinstated. Rookie Tyler Brayton should add a little oomph to the rush.

Linebackers

Bill Romanowski still has that glint in his eye, still attacks the ball, still arouses the ire of every opponent. But the guy to watch from here on out is Eric Barton, who lacks the name recognition but can make all of the plays on the weakside.

Napoleon Harris had a nice year in the middle for a rookie but had the benefit of two huge tackles inside sucking up blockers. He can pursue from sideline to sideline.

Secondary Grade: B

This grade would be higher if anyone could stay healthy and we could see how the group plays together. Cornerbacks Charles Woodson and Phillip Buchanon can run and cover, but there's not much depth behind them, and that's a problem given their injury history.

Derrick Gibson finally seems to have himself wrapped around the strong safety job. At free safety, the ageless Rod Woodson will return for another year of ball thievery and magic. Enjoy every minute. Surprise No. 1 pick Nnamdi Asomugha can play cornerback or safety but will get his initial look at the corner.

Special teams Grade: C+

Free-agent pickup Ronney Jenkins may give a boost to a return game that was seriously ailing. After Buchanon was hurt, the Raiders could not threaten on punt returns. Marcus Knight did an OK job handling kickoffs. Special teams can be a tough task for a team with so many older players.

Shane Lechler is one of the better punters in the league. Kicker Sebastian Janikowski still seems prone to bouts of brain-lock, but he led the AFC in scoring (128 points), was 50-of-50 on PATs and missed only seven field-goal tries.

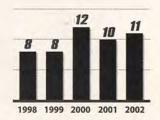
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NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	@Tennessee	8:30
Sept. 14	Cincinnati	4:15
Sept. 22	@Denver	9:00
Sept. 28	San Diego	4:05
Oct. 5	@Chicago	1:00
Oct. 12	@Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 20	Kansas City	9:00
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	@Detroit	1:00
Nov. 9	N.Y. Jets	4:15
Nov. 16	Minnesota	4:15
Nov. 23	@Kansas City	4:15
Nov. 30	Denver	4:15
Dec.7	@Pittsburgh	1:00
Dec. 14	Baltimore	4:05
Dec. 22	Green Bay	9:00
Dec. 28	@San Diego	4:15

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Rich Gannon
FB	Zack Crockett
RB	Charlie Garner
LT	Barry Sims
LG	Frank Middleton
C	Barret Robbins
RG	Matt Stinchcomb
RT	Lincoln Kennedy
TE	Roland Williams
WR	Jerry Rice
WR	Tim Brown

DEEENCE

DEL	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Trace Armstrong
LT	Dana Stubblefield
RT	John Parrella
RE	Tony Bryant
OLB	Bill Romanowski
MLB	Napoleon Harris
OLB	Eric Barton
CB	Charles Woodson
CB	Phillip Buchanon
SS	Derrick Gibson
FS	Rod Woodson

SPECIAL TEAMS

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Pos	
P	Shane Lechler
K	Sebastian Janikowski
PR	Tim Brown
KR	Ronney Jenkins

Management Grade: A

Bruce Allen was named NFL Executive of the Year for his massaging of the salary cap, the collecting of savvy veterans and some sharp drafting. Allen, of course, has Al Davis lending more than a little expertise.

If Allen worked cap wonders last year, just watch the Raiders again. They went into the offseason roughly \$46 million over the projected cap, did not really jettison any players they hoped to keep, reworked some deals and went right back to signing players.

Rookie coach Callahan recast a strong running team as a passing team and reached the

Super Bowl in his first year. He's bright and intense and, after a Super Bowl in his first season, has made himself a tough act to follow.

Bottom line

Well-run and well-coached, the Raiders make the best use of the available talent and rely heavily on veteran "want-to." Forget the collective mental burp that cost them the Super Bowl. Focus on what they did under an unknown coach in his first year. Assuming there has been no serious eroding of the skills of the elders, there's no reason the Raiders can't keep attacking by air.

They don't rebuild. They reload.



OAKLAND RAIDERS

Fred Biletnikoff, wide receivers; Chuck Bresnahan, defensive coordinator; Willie Brown, squad development; Bob Casullo, special teams; Tim Adams, strength and conditioning; Jim Harbaugh, offensive assistant; Aaron Kromel, offensive line; Ron Lynn, defensive backs; Don Martin, quality control/defense; John Morton, senior assistant; Jay Norvell, tight ends; Fred Pagac, linebackers; Skip Peete, running backs; Marc Trestman, offensive coordinator; Chris Turner, offensive assistant; Mike Waufle, defensive line

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2	31	Johnson, Teyo	WR	6-5	247	11/29/81	Stanford
3	19	Williams, Sam	LB	6-4	240	07/28/80	Fresno State
3	32	Fargas, Justin	RB	6-1	219	01/25/80	USC
4	32	Pierson, Shurron	DE	6-2	243	05/31/82	South Florida
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6	31	Rykert, Dustin	T	6-6	327	04/18/80	Brigham Young
7	32	Shabazz, Jeremy	S	5-11	202	02/05/81	New Mexico State
7	48	Hoag, Ryan	WR	6-2	200	11/23/79	Gustavus Adolphus



BRONCOS

The defense can't rest if new-look Broncos are to return to playoffs

Shanahan now looks to Plummer to direct the offense

fter a second consecutive playoff miss, the Broncos will have a very different look in 2003: a new quarterback, a new defensive coordinator, an almost totally new secondary-and lots of familiar faces gone with the winter winds.

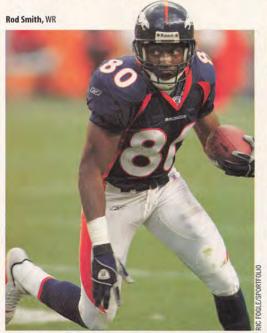
Say this for coach Mike Shanahan: He'll make bold moves when he sees the need. He's flushing Brian Griese, trying to reconstruct Jake Plummer and looking for ways to get his club to finish what it starts.

Remember, the Broncos were coasting at 6-2 at the turn last year and stumbled home 9-7, done in a couple of times by long field goals in overtime. After those back-to-back Super Bowl victories that ended the John Elway era, the Broncos have missed the playoffs three times in four years.

Offensive line

Grade: B+

This line typified the nasty cut-blocking often associated with the West Coast offense and



enjoyed a reputation as tight-knit and fierce in the mid-to-late 1990s. Now it's older, a little more worn and not quite as excellent. Let's see how feisty center Tom Nalen is as he bounces back from a knee injury.

The strength of the line has been inside, with Nalen and right guard Dan Neil. This unit has opened holes for whoever the running back is (and there have been quite a few).

If there's a weak link, it's left tackle Ephraim Salaam, who's basically just a guy out there doing a job. Rookie George Foster could replace him or Matt Lepsis on the right side.

Ouarterbacks

Griese remains on the roster until early June but has no future here. His lack of leadership skills undermined the gutsy way he played through shoulder injuries earlier in his career.

Plummer is a crapshoot, an exciting player who seems to lack strong fundamentals and a grasp of the game's complexity. He'll be a challenge for Shanahan, who, like Dan Reeves before him, seemed a whole lot smarter with Elway around.

Steve Beuerlein lends a competent, veteran hand as the backup quarterback, but this will be his 17th and probably last season. Plummer can learn a lot just by watching Beuerlein (another Arizona castoff) conduct himself.

Running backs

Grade: A-

Maybe the scheme fosters the success, but the Broncos keep turning out 1,500-yard rushers, one after the next. The latest in a long line: Clinton Portis. He's explosive and always seems to find the goal line. Folks wondered why the Broncos drafted a back last year when it wasn't a position of need, but Portis really excelled.

The Broncos aren't quite as deep behind him as they once were, with Olandis Gary gone to Buffalo, Mike Anderson at fullback and Terrell Davis wrestling with another attempted return from a lengthy list of physical woes. But Portis can handle a heavy workload.

Receivers

Grade: A

Rod Smith isn't finished and Ashley Lelie has only just begun. If their careers intersect properly this season, Plummer will swoon in ecstasy.

Smith is still a dependable big-play receiver and the speedy Lelie should move ahead of veteran Ed McCaffrey on the depth chart. Having McCaffrey as the third receiver is not exactly depressing news.

There's not much behind this trio, however, other than the promising Chris Cole. The Broncos need to add some depth here.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Mark Baniewicz, T

Ed Ellis, OT

(SD)

Nick Ferguson, S

(NYJ)

Daryl Gardener, DT

(WAS)

Heath Irwin, OG

(STL) Jake Plummer, QB

Quincy Stewart, LB

(SF)

QUOTABLE

"He was the coach I was hoping they wouldn't hire."

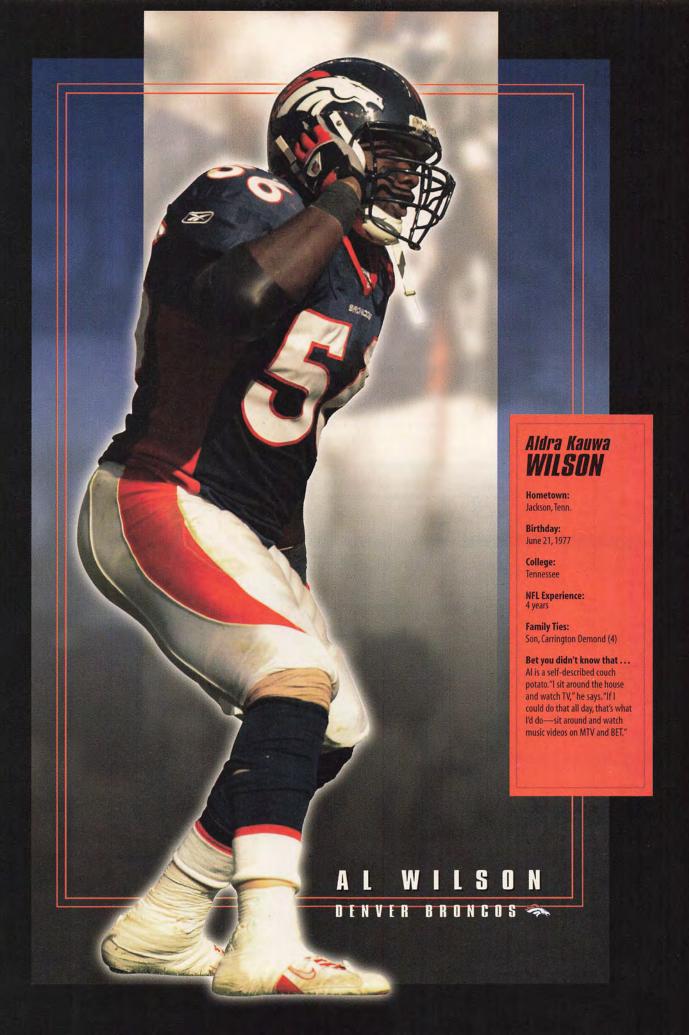
-Chiefs President and General Manager Carl Peterson on new Broncos defensive coordinator Larry Coyer, who is replacing Ray Rhodes

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	380.6	3
Rushing	141.6	5
Passing	239.0	8
Scoring	392	7
Punt Returns	8.1	24
Kick Returns	23.5	8
Red Zone TD %	58.6	7
Total Defense	301.6	6
Against Rush	93.1	4
Against Pass	208.6	17
Points Allowed	344	15
Interceptions	9	30t
Sacks	40	13
Turnover Diff.	-5	21t

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Total	Rush	Pass	Penalty
357	125	199	33
Red Zo Poss.	ne Offer Pts.	se TD	FG
58	289	34	18
Touchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	Def.

BRONCO FACT



2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 7

			Tarifford Production	
DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	
09/08	W	23-16	St. Louis	
09/15	W	24-14	at San Francisco	
09/22	W	28-23	Buffalo	
09/30	L	23-34	at Baltimore	
10/06	W	26-9	San Diego	
10/13	L	22-24	Miami	
10/20	W	37-34 (OT)	at Kansas City	
10/27	W	24-16	at New England	
11/11	L	10-34	Oakland	
11/17	W	31-9	at Seattle	
11/24	L	20-23 (OT)	Indianapolis	
12/01	L	27-30 (OT)	at San Diego	
12/08	L	13-19	at New York Jets	
12/15	W	31-24	Kansas City	
12/22	L	16-28	at Oakland	
12/29	W	37-7	Arizona	

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Portis	273	1508	5.5	59	15
Anderson	84	386	4.6	32	2
Gary	37	147	4.0	26	1
Griese	37	107	2.9	13	1
Lelie	4	40	10.0	24	0
Montgomery	4	27	6.8	28	0
McCaffrey	2	22	11.0	17	0
Droughns	4	11	2.8	9	1
Beuerlein	5	9	1.8	8	1
Smith	6	9	1.5	9	0
Rouen	1	0	0	0	0
Broncos	457	2266	5.0	59	21
Opponents	379	1489	3.9	76	21

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	89	1027	11.5	46	5
McCaffrey	69	903	13.1	69t	2
Sharpe	61	686	11.2	82t	3
Lelie	35	525	15.0	48	2
Portis	33	364	11.0	66t	2
Carswell	21	189	9.0	19	1
Anderson	18	167	9.3	52	2
Gary	18	148	8.2	19	0
Наре	6	26	4.3	7	2
Droughns	5	53	10.6	22t	1
Montgomery	4	51	12.8	21	1
Broncos	359	4139	11.5	82t	21
Opponents	360	3588	10.0	75t	15

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Griese	436	291	3214	15	15
Beuerlein	117	68	925	6	5
Smith	1	0	0	0	0
Broncos	554	359	4139	21	20
Opponents	566	360	3588	15	9

SACKS

Pryce 9.0, Berry 6.5, Gold 6.5, Wilson 5.0, Pope 4.0, McGlockton 2.5, Dalton 1.0, Mobley 1.0, Poole 1.0, Reagor 1.0, Reese 0.5

Broncos 40.0, Opponents 46.0

t=touchdown

Defensive line

Grade: C+

A work-in-progress after a tear-down-andrebuild project in the offseason. If tackle Daryl Gardener plays the way he did in Washington, the Broncos will be much tougher up front against the run. That's a big if.

The Broncos are still looking for a passrushing end to play on the right side, opposite stalwart Trevor Pryce.

Cohesion and chemistry may be late in developing, with two of last year's starters gone and some of the backups not returning. But the line needed a shakeup and, for better or worse, it got one.

Linebackers

Grade: C

The Broncos cast out Bill Romanowski last year so that Ian Gold could play. Bad move. They shifted John Mobley to the strongside, and he struggled against tight ends. Bad move. Al Wilson stayed in the middle. Good move.

This group is better individually than it played as a unit. Chalk that up to the scheme and to the changed roles. They can play better.

Mobley needs to find himself at the point of attack and be a playmaker again. Gold simply has to improve all-around. There's no real competition for the starting jobs.

Secondary

Grade: C

This unit needs to wear name tags through the early days of training camp. Three of last

Deltha O'Neal, CB

year's starters are gone and the holdover, cornerback Deltha O'Neal, will find himself under intense scrutiny. He struggled badly last year, playing erratically and winning few friends behind closed doors.

Kenoy Kennedy looks like a good fit at strong safety, but there seems to be no role for former No. 1 pick Willie Middlebrooks. Right cornerback could be an open competition in camp.

If the Broncos were so bad at defending the pass, how come so many of their players got contracts from other teams? Right. Blame the scheme.

Special teams

Grade: C+

Kicker Jason Elam struggled in the longer middle distances last year and seemed unlikely to return, but the Broncos brought him back on a long-term contract. He'll need to be more consistent from 40-49 yards, where he hit fewer than half of his attempts. Punter Micah Knorr, a late addition last season, is not a boomer.

The return game is nothing to get excited about. The Broncos expected more on punt returns from cornerback O'Neal and just don't have a real breakaway threat to give them that added boost. Their punt and kickoff coverage teams do a decent job.

Management

Grade: B

Shanahan runs this football operation, so give him credit for those Super Bowl wins and the blame for the mistakes (like the huge contract awarded Griese, Denver's



Stadium Facts

Invesco Field at Mile High

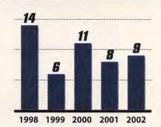
Capacity: 76,125 Turf: Grass

Tickets: (720) 258-3333

Web site: www.denverbroncos.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Cap.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Denver	75,613	99.3	\$52.50	\$5.50	24oz	\$4.00	16oz	\$3.50	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	19oz	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	@Cincinnati	1:00
Sept. 14	@San Diego	4:15
Sept. 22	Oakland	9:00
Sept. 28	Detroit	4:15
Oct. 5	@Kansas City	1:00
Oct. 12	Pittsburgh	4:15
Oct. 19	@Minnesota	1:00
Oct. 26	@Baltimore	1:00
Nov. 3	New England	9:00
Nov. 9	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 16	San Diego	4:05
Nov. 23	Chicago	4:05
Nov. 30	@Oakland	4:15
Dec.7	Kansas City	4:15
Dec. 14	Cleveland	4:05
Dec. 21	@Indianapolis	8:30
Dar 28	@Green Ray	4-15

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Jake Plummer
FB	Mike Anderson
RB	Clinton Portis
LT	Ephriam Salaam
LG	Ben Hamilton
C	Tom Nalen
RG	Dan Neil
RT	Matt Lepsis
TE	Shannon Sharpe
WR	Ashley Lelie
WR	Rod Smith

DEFENSE

DEL	ENDE
Pos.	
LE	Trevor Pryce
LT	Lional Dalton
RT	Daryl Gardener
RE	Reggie Hayward
OLB	John Mobley
MLB	Al Wilson
OLB	Ian Gold
CB	Deltha O'Neal
CB	Jimmy Spencer
SS	Kenoy Kennedy
FS	Sam Brandon

Pos.	
P	Micah Knorr
K	Jason Elam
PR	Deltha O'Neal
KR	Scottie Montgomery

cap problems, the fast shuffle of former defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes).

We might not even be saying that if Indianapolis and San Diego didn't nip the Broncos with long, late field goals last season, turning a 6-2 run to start the season into a 9-7 finish.

Plummer could be Shanahan's Waterloo (or Waterworld, pick your fiasco). He'll need to learn a more disciplined approach from an intense instructor and perform before passionate crowds. (They don't teach that in Arizona.)

The Broncos also seem to have become a ward for wayward souls, though this off-season house cleaning may have emptied the nest of pests.

Bottom line

If Plummer isn't a complete failure, the Broncos have enough offensive weaponry to stay in most games and win their share. That's not the way to the Super Bowl, or maybe even back into the playoffs.

The Broncos need to recommit to playing great defense, which shines the spotlight on new coordinator Larry Coyer. His mix of players and how quickly they mesh will tell the story of this season.

It's hard to picture Shanahan home for the holidays again.

FINAL GRADE:

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DENVER BRONCOS

Mike Shanahan, head coach

Jacob Burney, defensive line; Frank Bush, special teams; Larry Coyer, defensive coordinator;
Rick Dennison, offensive line; Alex Gibbs, assistant head coach/offensive line; David Gibbs, defensive backs;
Gary Kubiak, offensive coordinator; Pat McPherson, quarterbacks; Keith Millard, assistant defensive
line/pass rush specialist; Brian Pariani, tight ends; Bobby Turner, running backs; Rich Turner, strength and
conditioning; Steve Watson, wide receivers; Jimmy Spencer, assistant defensive backs; Troy Calhoun,
defensive assistant; Ronnie Bradford, special teams assistant

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Beuerlein, Steve	QB	6-3	220	03/07/1965	16	Notre Dame
17	Jackson, Jarious	QB	6-1	228	05/03/1977	3	Notre Dame
16	Plummer, Jake	QB	6-2	212	12/19/1974	6	Arizona State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
69	Baniewicz, Mark	T	6-6	306	03/24/1977	0	Syracuse
65	Carlisle, Cooper	T	6-5	295	08/11/1977	3	Florida
	Ellis, Ed	T	6-7	325	10/13/1975	6	Buffalo
50	Hamilton, Ben	G	6-4	283	08/18/1977	1	Minnesota
79	Herndon, Steve	G	6-4	305	05/25/1977	2	Georgia
63	Irwin, Heath	G	6-4	300	06/27/1973	6	Colorado
78	Lepsis, Matt	T	6-4	290	01/13/1974	5	Colorado
66	Nalen, Tom	(6-3	286	05/13/1971	9	Boston College
62	Neil, Dan	G	6-2	285	10/21/1973	6	Texas
74	Salaam, Ephraim	T	6-7	295	06/19/1976	5	San Diego State
67	Watton, Chris	G	6-3	305	10/06/1977	0	Baylor
#			DY	WT		FVD	COLLEGE
38	RUNNING BACKS	RB	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	Utah
21	Anderson, Mike		6-1 5-7	230 198	09/21/1973	3	
	Coleman, KaRon	RB			05/22/1978		Stephen F. Austin
30	Davis, Terrell	RB	5-11	210	10/28/1972	7	Georgia
34	Droughns, Reuben	RB	5-11	207	08/21/1978	2	Oregon Valley
26	Jackson, Marlion	RB	6-2	235	10/11/1977	0	Saginaw Valley
39	Johnson, Kyle	RB	6-1	242	12/15/1978	0	Syracuse Miami (FL)
26	Portis, Clinton	RB	5-11	205	09/01/1981	1	Miami (FL)
#	RECEIVERS	200	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Adams, Charlie	WR	6-2	190	10/23/1979	0	Hofstra
89	Carswell, Dwayne	TE	6-3	260	01/18/1972	9	Liberty
84	Cole, Chris	WR	6-0	195	11/12/1977	2	Texas A&M
86	Hape, Patrick	TE	6-4	262	06/06/1974	6	Alabama
82	Haygood, Herb	WR	5-11	193	12/30/1977	1	Michigan State
48	Leach, Mike	TE	6-2	245	10/18/1976	3	William & Mary
85	Lelie, Ashley	WR	6-3	200	02/16/1980	1	Hawaii
48	Love, Arther	TE	6-4	255	09/18/1977	0	South Carolina Sta
87	McCaffrey, Ed	WR	6-5	215	08/17/1968	12	Stanford
88	Putzier, Jeb	TE	6-4	256	01/20/1979	1	Boise State
84	Sharpe, Shannon	TE	6-2	228	06/26/1968	13	Savannah State
80	Smith, Rod	WR	6-1	200	05/15/1970	8	Missouri Southern
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	_	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
92	Berry, Bertrand	DE	6-3	250	08/15/1975	5	Notre Dame
94	Dalton, Lional	DT	6-1	309	02/21/1975	5	Eastern Michigan
96 92	Davis, Dorsett	DT	6-5	305	01/24/1979	7	Mississippi State
	Gardener, Daryl	DT	6-6	295	02/25/1973		Baylor
98	Hayward, Reggie	DE	6-5	270	03/14/1979	2	Iowa State
75	Pope, Monsanto	DT	6-3	300	01/27/1978	1	Virginia
93	Pryce, Trevor	DE	6-5	295	08/03/1975	6	Clemson
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
42	Brandon, Sam	S	6-2	200	07/05/1979	1	UNLV
23	Chamblin, Corey	CB	5-10	189	05/29/1977	1	Tennessee Tech
25	Ferguson, Nick	5	5-11	201	11/27/1974	3	Georgia Tech
30	Harris, Jeff	CB	5-11	192	07/19/1977	0	Georgia
31	Herndon, Kelly	CB	5-10	180	11/03/1976	1	Toledo
28	Kennedy, Kenoy	5	6-1	215	11/15/1977	3	Arkansas
23	Middlebrooks, Willie	5	6-1	200	02/12/1979	2	Minnesota
33	Spencer, Jimmy	CB	5-9	188	03/29/1969	12	Florida
24	O'Neal, Deltha	CB	5-10	196	01/30/1977	3	California
35	Walls, Lenny	CB	6-4	192	09/26/1979	1	Boston College
32	Young, Chris	5	6-1	210	01/23/1980	0	Georgia Tech
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#	LINEBACKERS	10	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
55	Burns, Keith	LB	6-2	235	05/16/1972	9	Oklahoma State
52	Gold, lan	LB	6-1	223	08/23/1978	3	Michigan
51	Mobley, John	LB	6-1	236	10/10/1973	7	Kutztown
59	Spragan, Donnie	LB	6-3	239	07/12/1976	1	Stanford
54	Stewart, Quincy	LB	6-1	234	03/27/1978	2	Louisiana Tech
57	Sykes, Jashon	LB	6-2	236	09/25/1979	0	Colorado
56	Wilson, Al	LB	6-1	240	06/21/1977	4	Tennessee
#	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Elam, Jason	K	5-11	200	03/08/1970	10	Hawaii
		P	6-2	199	01/09/1975	3	Utah State
4	Knorr, Micah	P					

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	20	Foster, George	T	6-5	338	06/06/80	Georgia
2	19	Pierce, Terry	LB	6-1	251	06/21/81	Kansas State
4	11	Griffin, Quentin	RB	5-7	195	01/12/81	Oklahoma
4	17	Eason, Nicholas	DT	6-3	301	05/05/80	Clemson
4	31	McNeal, Bryant	DE	6-4	248	07/13/79	Clemson
5	22	Claxton, Ben	C	6-2	301	07/30/80	Mississippi
5	23	Madise, Adrian	WR	5-11	215	03/23/80	TCU
6	21	Hunt, Aaron	DE	6-2	262	06/19/80	Texas Tech
7	13	Mitchell, Clint	DE	6-6	257	09/21/80	Florida
7	21	Galloway Ahmaad	RR	6-1	223	03/10/80	Alahama



CHIEFS

Chiefs' postseason hopes ride with **Priest and a more** unforgiving defense

League-worst defense gets few upgrades

he Chiefs' offense proved to be as potent as anybody's was in 2002, but most of its efforts were offset by the league's worst defense. The Chiefs piled up yards and points and at times seemed unstoppable, yet they could stop no one. Every plus had a minus lurking somewhere.

The offensive parts return, although a careful eye on Priest Holmes and his injured hip is necessary. A few defensive upgrades via free agency and the return of tackle Ryan Sims, last year's ill-conditioned No. 1 pick, could allow the necessary improvement that gets the Chiefs to the postseason for the first time since (unbelievably enough) 1997.

This is the third and supposedly final year of Dick Vermeil's second return from retirement. He has taken both of his other teams (Philadelphia, St. Louis) to the Super Bowl. Can a third be equally charming?

Offensive line

The Chiefs gambled last year when they traded for left tackle William Roaf. Oft-injured and angry in New Orleans, Roaf quickly paid off for the Chiefs. Less successful was the move of John Tait from the left side to the right side, where the emphasis was on run blocking, but he began to grasp the position.

Inside, at guard, the Chiefs love the strength of Brian Waters and the crisp professionalism of multiyear Pro Bowl pick Will Shields. Center Casey Wiegmann is undersized but always seems to be out in front of Holmes. This is a solid, effective group.

Ouarterbacks

Trent Green stopped forcing throws last year, settled in nicely and had 26 touchdown passes. Only two quarterbacks threw more. He also cut down on the interceptions, helping him rank third in the conference in passer rating. As long as he stays patient, he can have success.

There's not much behind Green. Todd Collins goes into his ninth year, and the fact that he once started for Buffalo seems totally obscured. The Chiefs need to start thinking about Green's heir and find the youngster who might be ready to step up in a couple of years hence. Whether Collins can win if Green should be hurt is an open question.

Running backs

Holmes took over games with his rushing and receiving, and it will be a shame if his hip injury lingers. Surgery left him hobbled but supposedly in position to be running in June and ready for training camp in July.

The Chiefs bought themselves insurance against his injury and a potential contract holdout by trading down in the draft and selecting running back Larry Johnson, a tough north-south pounder. He is not nearly the receiving threat Holmes has developed into.

Tony Richardson, the fullback, is a fine blocker and a tough runner in short-yardage situations. Second-year Omar Easy is a virtual clone.

A Holmes-Johnson tandem could give opposing defensive coordinators night terrors.

Receivers Grade: B+

Much of Kansas City's passing game is built on short dumps to Holmes, but the Chiefs don't mind throwing it deep-up the sideline or down the middle.

Tight end Tony Gonzalez is like a receiver flexed out in this alignment. He can catch it anywhere and is very effective around the goal line.

The guy who added some flash and downfield speed was the much-traveled Eddie Kennison, who averaged more than 17 yards a catch. Veteran Johnnie Morton has to give the Chiefs more.

Canadian import Marc Boerigter lost time in training camp to an appendectomy, but the light seemed to be coming on late in the year. The Chiefs continue to wait on Marvin "Snoop" Minnis, but patience has its limits.

Defensive line Grade: C

Vonnie Holliday's weird offseason included a sudden change of agents, a sudden slackening of interest and a burst of late love from the Chiefs that became mutual when Hugh Douglas signed with Jacksonville. Holliday simply must be a premier pass rusher for a team that desperately needs a complement to Eric Hicks, who also struggled last year.

The Chiefs will expect a lot from tackle Ryan Sims, the disappointing No. 1 pick last year. Sims held out, reported overweight and suffered a seasonending elbow injury. If he can tie up blockers inside, tackle John Browning will continue to excel. The Chiefs still need better depth inside.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Shawn Barber, LB

Clint Finley, S

Vonnie Holliday (UFA-GB)

Dexter McCleon, CB

Dameane Douglas, WR (UFA-PHI)

QUOTABLE

"When you don't play defense well, you're just not good enough.... It takes defensive coaches who are willing to change, solve some of the flaws we have in our schemes and improve our talent."

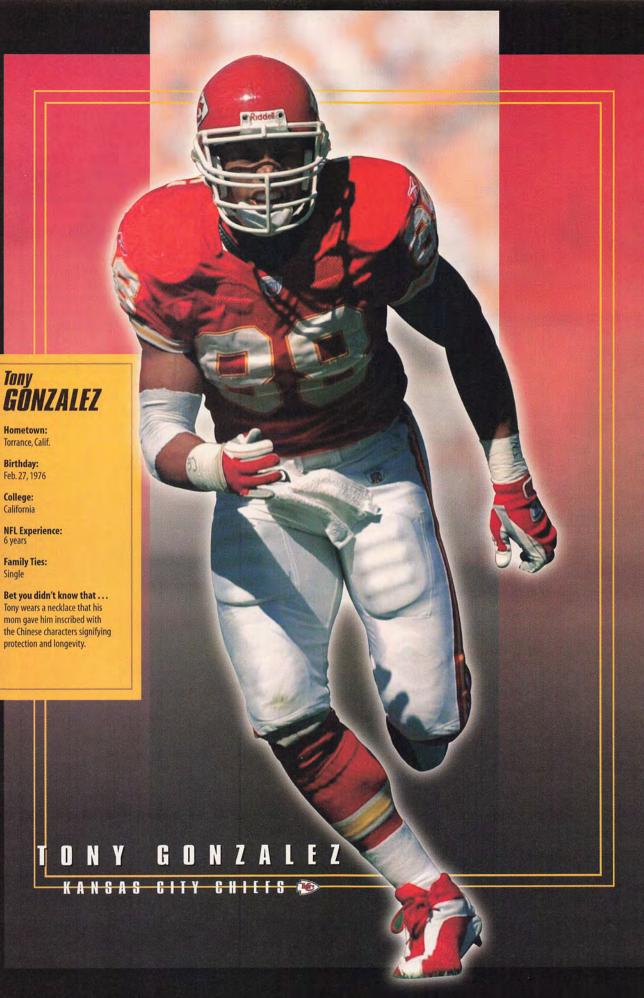
-Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	375.0	4
Rushing	148.6	3
Passing	226.4	11
Scoring	467	1
Punt Returns	13.4	4
Kick Returns	22.0	14
Red Zone TD %	65.6	1
Total Defense	390.5	32
Against Rush	129.2	24
Against Pass	261.3	31
Points Allowed	399	28
Interceptions	18	12t
Sacks	34	25
Turnover Diff.	+16	3
First Downs		

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Total	Rush	Pass	Penalty
343	140	179	24
Red Zo	ne Offer	ise	-
Poss.	Pts.	TD	FG
64	344	42	17
Touchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	Def.
26	27	2	1

The Chiefs fumbled just seven times in 2002, CHIEF FACT



Hometown: Torrance, Calif.

Birthday: Feb. 27, 1976

College: California

NFL Experience: 6 years

Family Ties: Single

2002 FINAL STATS Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	40-39	at Cleveland
09/15	L	16-23	Jacksonville
09/22	L	38-41 (OT)	at New England
09/29	W	48-30	Miami
10/06	W	29-25	at New York Jets
10/13	L	34-35	at San Diego
10/20	L	34-37 (OT)	Denver
10/27	W	20-10	Oakland
11/10	L	13-17	at San Francisco
11/17	W	17-16	Buffalo
11/24	L	32-39	at Seattle
12/01	W	49-0	Arizona
12/08	W	49-10	St. Louis
12/15	L	24-31	at Denver
12/22	W	24-22	San Diego
12/28	L	0-24	at Oakland

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holmes	313	1615	5.2	56	21
Green	31	225	7.3	24	1
Morton	10	124	12.4	36	0
Cloud	49	115	2.3	9	2
Richardson	22	81	3.7	14t	2
Blaylock	16	72	4.5	16	0
Kennison	7	58	8.3	31	0
Hall	11	54	4.9	21	0
Tait	1	28	28.0	28	0
Collins	1	7	7.0	7	0

Chiefs	462	2378	5.1	56	26
Opponents	431	2067	4.8	63t	19

DECEIVING	DEC	VDC	AVC	LONG	TD
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holmes	70	672	9.6	64	3
Gonzalez	63	773	12.3	42t	7
Kennison	53	906	17.1	64t	2
Morton	29	397	13.7	30	1
Boerigter	20	420	21.0	99t	8
Hall	20	322	16.1	75t	3
Richardson	18	125	6.9	23	1
Cloud	6	48	8.0	13	0
Blaylock	5	47	9.4	21	0
Easy	3	23	7.7	13	1
Dunn	2	16	8.0	11	0
Baber	2	10	5.0	7	1
Minnis	1	4	4.0	4	0
Chiefe	202	2762	12.0	00+	27

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Green	470	287	3690	26	13
Collins	6	5	73	1	0
Chiefs	477	292	3763	27	13
Opponents	616	403	4396	27	18

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Opponents 403

Hicks 9.0, Browning 7.0, Freeman 4.0, Clemons 2.0, Harts 2.0, Patton 2.0, Stills 2.0, Crockett 1.0, Fujita 1.0, Harris 1.0, Maslowski 1.0, Wesley 1.0, Downing 0.5, Truluck 0.5

Chiefs 34.0, Opponents 26.0

t=touchdown

Linebackers

The Chiefs made sure Mike Maslowski did not get away, and that was smart. He's worth more to them than to someone else but they probably overpaid for him. Look for Maslowski to move into the middle, ahead of Marvcus Patton. Free-agent signee Shawn Barber will take over on the weakside and give the club great range.

On the strongside, where Lew Bush has had his problems, Scott Fujita could be the starter. The second-year player lacks Bush's experience. If Glenn Cadrez returns, he'll be a reserve. Bush's future is also uncertain.

Secondary

Grade: C-

Grade: C

William Bartee has to settle down and make plays or he'll be looking for work. He's a big cornerback but erratic, and he plays way off receivers. On the other side, Eric Warfield will find it difficult to stave off a challenge from free agent Dexter McCleon, who played for Vermeil in St. Louis. Rookie Julian Battle will also get a look.

Jerome Woods is the best of the players in the secondary, but he suffered a broken leg last year. Greg Wesley, the strong safety, is marginally adequate.

Mike Maslowski, LB

Everybody else falls into the category of "just guys." The Chiefs really need to do some shuffling and rebuilding back here.

Special teams

Grade: B

The Chiefs got a lift from elder statesman Morten Andersen. Though the 42-year-old kicker missed the tail end of the season, he returns in 2003. Jose Cortez, who missed field goals all across America last year, might offer a mild run for the job.

The club ditched punter Dan Stryzinski and probably will audition several new ones during training camp, with Noel Prefontaine the only one on the roster as of late April.

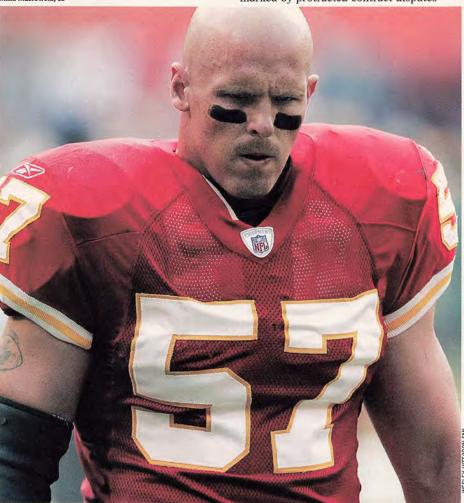
The fun part of Kansas City's special teams is Dante Hall. He scored twice on punt returns, averaging 13.4 yards per return, and also returned a kickoff for a touchdown. Hall has shake-and-bake moves and great acceleration. The coverage teams get the job done.

Management

Grade: B

Carl Peterson's reign as GM has hit a playoff dry spell of five seasons spanning three coaches (Vermeil, Gunther Cunningham and Marty Schottenheimer). Can the Chiefs end the drought in what might be Vermeil's final season?

Peterson's three decades of control are marked by protracted contract disputes



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Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	San Diego	1:00
Sept. 14	Pittsburgh	1:00
Sept. 21	@Houston	1:00
Sept. 28	@Baltimore	1:00
Oct. 5	Denver	1:00
Oct. 12	@Green Bay	1:00
Oct. 20	@Oakland	9:00
Oct. 26	Buffalo	8:30
Nov. 2	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 9	Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 16	@Cincinnati	1:00
Nov. 23	Oakland	4:15
Nov. 30	@San Diego	4:15
Dec. 7	@Denver	4:15
Dec. 14	Detroit	1:00
Dec. 20	@Minnesota	5:00
Dec. 28	Chicago	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Trent Green
FB	Tony Richardson
RB	Priest Holmes
LT	William Roaf
LG	Brian Waters
C	Casey Wiegmann
RG	Will Shields
RT	John Tait
TE	Tony Gonzalez
WR	Johnnie Morton
WR	Eddie Kennison

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Eric Hicks
LT	John Browning
NT	Ryan Sims
RE	Vonnie Holliday
OLB	Scott Fujita
MLB	Mike Maslowski
OLB	Shawn Barber
CB	Eric Warfield
CB	William Bartee
SS	Greg Wesley
FS	Jerome Woods

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Noel Prefontaine
K	Morten Andersen
PR	Dante Hall
KR	Dante Hall

with top draft picks (John Tait, Sylvester Morris) and star players (Tony Gonzalez) and lost time in training camp. Vermeil has assembled an awesome offense, but the Chiefs can't stop anybody.

Peterson and Vermeil know they have a short window, and few coaches drive their teams the way Vermeil does. Maybe desperation gets the Chiefs over the hump this season. That, and a few timely stops.

Bottom line

Vermeil's team in St. Louis was on the brink of mutiny in his second season, but it became a Super Bowl winner that worshiped its

teary-eyed master at the end of his third. He's running the same offense with the quarterback, Green, who was supposed to light the lamps for him with the Rams.

Maybe the miracles happen again, but Holliday and Barber don't comprise enough of an upgrade on the other side of the ball. The Chiefs just don't seem poised to make the same defensive leaps that the Rams did, and Holmes' hip and his determination to get a new contract should be the annual trainingcamp distraction.

Not many coaches get to retire after a Super Bowl victory. Vermeil did it once. It won't happen for him again.



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Dick Vermeil head roach

Irv Eatman, assistant offensive line; Frank Gansz Jr., special teams; Peter Giunta, defensive backs; Carl Hairston, defensive line; Jeff Hurd, strength and conditioning; Charlie Joiner, receivers Bob Karmelowicz, defensive line; Billy Long, assistant strength and conditioning; Greg Robinson, defensive coordinator; Keith Rowen, tight ends; Al Saunders, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator; James Saxon, running backs; Terry Shea, quarterbacks; Mike Solari, offensive line; Jason Verduzco, offensive assistant/quality control: Joe Vitt, linebackers: Darvin Wells, defensive assistant/quality control

#	QUARTERBACK	0.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
15	Collins, Todd	QB	6-4	225	11/05/1971	8	Michigan
10	Green, Trent	QB	6-3	217	07/09/1970	9	Indiana
12	Quinn, Jonathan	QB	6-6	243	02/27/1975	5	Middle Tennessee
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
69	Allotey, Victor	G	6-3	330	04/08/1975	0	Indiana
67	Andersen, Jason	C	6-6	319	09/03/1975	3	Brigham Young
75	Jones, Willie	Ţ	6-6	355	12/17/1975	2	Grambling
77	Roaf, Willie	T	6-5	315	04/18/1970	10	Louisiana Tech
68 70	Shields, Will	G	6-3 6-4	315 320	09/15/1971	10	Nebraska Nesthwestern Stat
76	Spears, Marcus Tait, John	Ť	6-6	323	09/28/1971 01/26/1975	7	Northwestern State Brigham Young
54	Waters, Brian	G	6-3	318	02/18/1977	3	North Texas
62	Wiegmann, Casey	C	6-2	285	07/20/1973	6	lowa
60	Willis, Donald	G	6-3	325	07/15/1973	4	North Carolina A&7
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23	RUNNING BACKS Blaylock, Derrick	RB	HT 5-9	WT 195	BORN 08/23/1979	EXP.	Stephen F. Austin
43	Easy, Omar	RB	6-1	245	10/29/1977	1	Penn State
31	Holmes, Priest	RB	5-9	213	10/07/1973	6	Texas
27	Julien, Jarmar	RB	5-11	240	12/11/1979	1	San Jose State49
49	Richardson, Tony	RB	6-1	232	12/17/1971	8	Auburn
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45	RECEIVERS Baber, Billy	TE	HT 6-3	WT 252	BORN 01/17/1979	EXP.	Virginia Virginia
85		WR	6-3	223	05/04/1978	1	Hastings
89	Dunn, Jason	TE	6-6	276	11/15/1973	6	Eastern Kentucky
83	Gammon, Kendall	TE	6-4	255	10/23/1968	11	Pittsburg State
88	Gonzalez, Tony	TE	6-4	248	02/27/1976	6	California
82		WR	5-8	187	09/01/1978	3	Texas A&M
87		WR	6-1	201	01/20/1973	7	LSU
81	Minnis, Marvin	WR	6-1	172	02/06/1977	2	Florida State
84	Morris, Sylvester	WR	6-3	212	10/06/1977	1	Jackson State
80	Morton, Johnnie	WR	6-1	190	10/07/1971	9	Southern California
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Browning, John	DE	6-4	297	09/30/1973	6	West Virginia
92	Downing, Eric	DT	6-3	315	09/16/1978	2	Syracuse
71	Freeman, Eddie	DT	6-5	307	01/04/1978	1	UAB
98	Hicks, Eric	DE	6-6	280	06/17/1976	5	Maryland
94	Hobgood-Chittick, Nate	DT	6-3	296	11/30/1974	4	North Carolina
	Holliday, Vonnie	DE	6-5	290	12/11/1975	5	North Carolina
95	Ransom, Derrick	DT	6-3	306	09/13/1976	5	Cincinnati
90	Sims, Ryan	DT	6-4	315	05/04/1980	1	North Carolina
55	Stills, Gary	DE	6-2	244	07/11/1974	4	West Virginia
98	Threats, Jabbar	DE	6-5	255	04/26/1975	3	Michigan State
75 91	Tomich, Jared	DT DE	6-3 6-4	283 255	04/24/1974 09/30/1974	5	Nebraska Cortland State
200	Truluck, R-Kal	DE					
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
24	Bartee, William	CB	6-1	200	06/25/1977	3	Oklahoma
39	Crockett, Ray	CB	5-10	185	01/05/1967	14	Baylor
38	Finley, Clint	S	6-1	210	03/27/1977	1	Nebraska North Alabama
40	Harris, Corey	CB	5-10 5-11	187 207	11/28/1976	4 2	North Alabama
44	Harts, Shaunard Warfield Fric	CB	6-1	207	08/04/1978 03/03/1976	5	Boise State Nebraska
25	Warfield, Eric Wesley, Greg	5	6-2	200	03/03/19/6	3	Arkansas-Pine Bluf
30	West, Lyle	5	6-1	210	12/20/1976	3	San Jose State21
21	Woods, Jerome	5	6-2	207	03/17/1973	6	Memphis
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#	LINEBACKERS Atking Large	LB	HT	WT	BORN 07/21/1975	EXP.	COLLEGE
50	Atkins, Larry	LB	6-3	250		5	UCLA Richmond
56 96	Barber, Shawn Beisel, Monty	LB	6-2 6-3	237 254	01/14/1975 08/20/1978	2	Kansas State
56	Bush, Lew	LB	6-2	250	12/02/1969	10	Washington State
52	Caver, Quinton	LB	6-4	230	08/22/1978	2	Arkansas
	Fujita, Scott	LB	6-5	247	04/28/1979	1	California
31	Maslowski, Mike	LB	6-1	243	07/11/1974	4	Wisconsin-La Cross
51		LB	6-1	247	09/11/1979	1	Utah State
57	Newson, Ionv		6-2	241	05/01/1967	13	UCLA
	Newson, Tony Patton, Marvcus	LB			7 11 9 11 7 1		
57 97 53	Patton, Marvcus	LR	UT	WT	RODAL	EVD	COLLEGE
57 97	Patton, Marvcus KICKERS		HT 6-2	WT 217	BORN 08/19/1960	EXP.	Michigan State
57 97 53	Patton, Marvcus KICKERS Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	217	08/19/1960	21	Michigan State
57 97 53	Patton, Marvcus KICKERS						

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		20	03 DR	AFT	EES		Service.
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	27	Johnson, Larry	RB	6-1	228	11/19/79	Penn State
2	15	Mitchell, Kawika	LB	6-1	253	10/10/79	South Florida
3	28	Battle, Julian	CB	6-2	205	07/11/81	Tennessee
4	16	Williams, Brett	T	6-5	321	05/02/80	Florida State
5	18	Black, Jordan	T	6-6	314	01/28/80	Notre Dame
6	16	Wilkerson, Jimmy	DE	6-2	271	01/04/81	Oklahoma
7	16	Sharpe, Montique	DT	6-2	296	03/10/80	Wake Forest

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Chargers have weapons but need more staying power

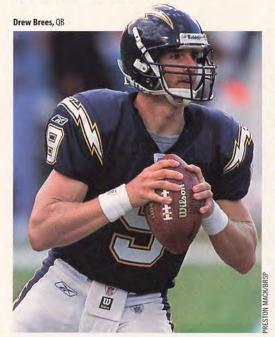
Improved pass rush would make the biggest difference

ust when you thought it looked like Marty Schottenheimer was becoming reasonable, he cuts Rodney Harrison and tells Junior Seau to look for a trade. It's reminiscent of his one-year term in Washington, when he tweaked Darrell Green at training camp, overworked the team from the jump and lost the veterans.

Sure, changes must happen when a defense ranks 30th in the league and last against the pass, but giving two longtime leaders the big haircut hardly seems the antidote.

The Chargers blew out of the gate last year in the first year of the Schottenheimer regime and then could barely win a game the second half of the season. Clearly they need more staying power. And they obviously need to play better on defense, perhaps by retrofitting the scheme to the personnel on hand.

It's not as though the Chargers lack weapons. But who thought Schottenheimer would have to score 30 points a game to win?



Offensive line

Grade: B

Injuries hurt cohesion last year but also opened the door for young center Jason Ball. He could knock Cory Raymer out of the starting job after his strong showing as Raymer's replacement in 2002.

Tackles Damion McIntosh and Vaughn Parker won't make the Pro Bowl, but they're solid players.

The unsettled area is guard, where huge Kelvin Garmon unseated Bob Hallen and rookie Toniu Fonoti struggled with his weight and attitude. "Guard by committee" is not a good thing, and the Chargers could use more talent here.

Quarterbacks

Grade: B+

Drew Brees makes plays. He's an exciting player who can buy time and likes to take a long look downfield. Watch the strides he makes in his second season as the starter.

Behind him is Doug Flutie, everyone's favorite backup. Flutie never had great arm strength and can't make all the throws anymore, but he's smart enough to know which ones he should not attempt. He's a great help to Brees and seems to have accepted the role as the No. 2 guy. Rookie free agent Rob Adamson is a project at best.

Running backs

Grade: A

LaDanian Tomlinson is the classic punishing back that Schottenheimer loves. Just feed him the football 30 times and let him hammer away until the defense cracks. Only Ricky Williams had more yards and more carries last season than the new L.T. But Tomlinson also caught 79 passes, giving him 451 touches.

The best news for L.T. was the arrival of free-agent fullback Lorenzo Neal. He's the perfect complement, an unselfish blocker who is among the best at what he does. This is a powerful tandem.

Receivers

Grade: B

The grade could be higher but David Boston holds the key. The free-agent signee from Arizona is fast and powerful but tends to be injury-prone. The long-term contract he accepted gives the Chargers an out after two years, so he ought to be on his best behavior.

Tim Dwight has the great burst but really fits more as the No. 2 guy. Reche Caldwell still has a

The Chargers paid outlandishly to grab tight end Stephen Alexander last year and he again battled injuries. When he's well, he's hell. But that's too infrequently. For this sort of running attack, a massive blocking tight end would help, but the Chargers don't own one.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Lorenzo Neal, FB (CIN)

David Boston, WR (ARI)

QUOTABLE

"We still have to learn how to win football games, and that's my biggest disappointment, because quite candidly, I thought we had begun to cross that bridge. But the bridge didn't hold up. We didn't get across where we needed to be."

-Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer on the 2002 season

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	332.8	16
Rushing	133.6	8
Passing	199.3	22
Scoring	333	20
Punt Returns	8.5	22
Kick Returns	22.9	9
Red Zone TD %	61.2	3
Total Defense	377.1	30
Against Rush	108.7	11
Against Pass	268.4	32
Points Allowed	367	22
Interceptions	17	15t
Sacks	39	18
Turnover Diff.	+3	13

117 Red Zone Offense FG 243 12 Touchdowns Def. Rush Pass Ret.

CHARGER FACT

LaDainian TOMLINSON

Hometown:

Rosebud, Texas

Birthday:

June 23, 1979

College:

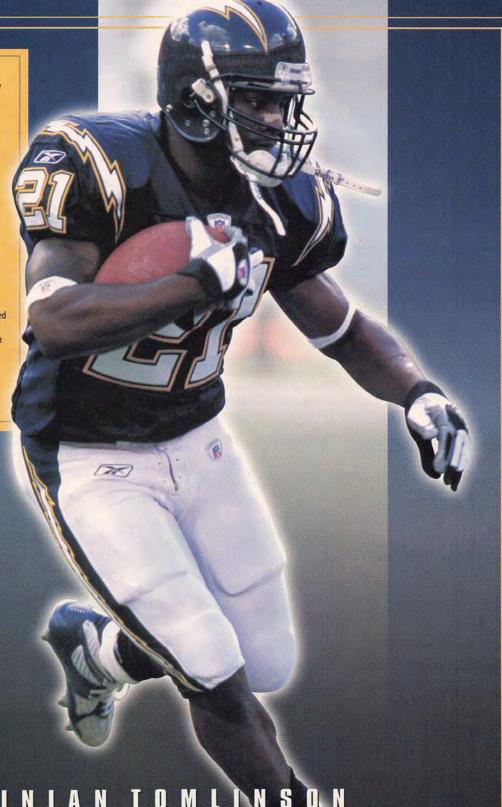
Texas Christian

NFL Experience: 2 years

Family Ties:

Fiancee, Natasha Oakley

Bet you didn't know that ... LaDainian recently fulfilled a childhood dream when he purchased a restored 1964 Chevy Impala nicknamed "The G Ride." The car is a cherry-red convertible and it came with a hydraulic lift kit.



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CHARGERS

2002 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	
09/08	W	34-6	at Cincinnati	
09/15	W	24-3	Houston	
09/22	W	23-15	at Arizona	
09/29	W	21-14	New England	
10/06	L	9-26	at Denver	
10/13	W	35-34	Kansas City	
10/20	W	27-21 (OT)	at Oakland	
11/03	L	13-44	New York Jets	
11/10	L	24-28	at St. Louis	
11/17	W	20-17 (OT)	San Francisco	
11/24	L	3-30	at Miami	
12/01	W	30-27 (OT)	Denver	
12/08	L	7-27	Oakland	
12/15	L	13-20	at Buffalo	
12/22	L	22-24	at Kansas City	
12/29	L	28-31 (OT)	Seattle	

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Tomlinson	372	1683	4.5	76	14
Brees	38	130	3.4	15	1
Fletcher	26	128	4.9	15	1
Dwight	12	108	9.0	20	1
Conway	7	53	7.6	22	2
Chatman	6	19	3.2	11	0
Caldwell	2	9	4.5	6	0
Flutie	1	6	6.0	6	0
McCrary	2	1	0.5	2	0
Chargers	466	2137	4.6	76	19
Opponents	410	1739	4.2	61t	15

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Tomlinson	79	489	6.2	30	1
Conway	57	852	14.9	52t	5
Dwight	50	623	12.5	42	2
Alexander	45	510	11.3	32	1
Caldwell	22	208	9.5	26	3
McCrary	22	96	4.4	25	3
Parker	17	268	15.8	31t	1
Norman	16	201	12.6	29	1
Fletcher	10	62	6.2	13	0
Chatman	3	44	14.7	25	0
Peelle	3	15	5.0	10	0
Chargers	324	3368	10.4	52t	17
Opponents	375	4526	12.1	99t	26

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Brees	526	320	3284	17	16
Flutie	11	3	64	0	0
Caldwell	1	1	20	0	0
Chargers	538	324	3368	17	16
Opponents	607	375	4526	26	17

Johnson 6.5, Wiley 6.0, Leber 5.0, Dingle 4.0, Carson 3.5, Fisk 3.0, Williams 2.5, Harrison 2.0, Molden 2.0, Scott 2.0, Seau 1.5, Polk 1.0

Chargers 39.0, Opponents 34.0

t=touchdown

Defensive line

Grade: B

Draft pundits figured the Chargers would look to beef up here, but instead the brass dealt down and focused mostly on the secondary. Maybe it knows something we ought to know.

Both ends, Marcellus Wiley and Raylee Johnson, are better than they played last year. The inside rotation would be better served with Jason Fisk as a reserve, not a starter.

The Chargers need some of the young players they re-signed, such as end Adrian Dingle and tackle Leonardo Carson, to show they can be difference-makers.

Linebackers

Grade: C-

Without Junior Seau, this group begins and ends with Donnie Edwards. Edwards moved into the middle last year and looked entirely comfortable, but he could be back on the weakside, in Seau's spot.

That would put the little-known Zeke Moreno in the middle. In three starts for Seau last year, Moreno made 32 tackles.

So that's the way it will be, unless Carlos Polk steps up. That would make things even more interesting, and Polk, a head-knocker and Schottenheimer protégé, won't go away easily.

The other starter is Ben Leber, who made a bunch of all-rookie teams last season as the strong 'backer. The Chargers will miss Orlando Ruff, who signed with New Orleans.

Secondary

Grade: C-

This wasn't a pretty picture a year ago. Now it's a jigsaw puzzle. Cornerback Alex Molden was cut along with strong safety Harrison.

Marcellus Wiley, DE

The only guy back in the same spot is cornerback Quentin Jammer, last year's No. 1 pick. Rookie Sammy Davis, a tough mug, could easily start opposite him.

Cornerback Ryan McNeil moves to free safety, a position with which he is unfamiliar. Rogers Beckett, who showed nothing of a playmaker's bent at free safety, takes over for Harrison, who was limited by injuries.

The Chargers could not stop a pass play last season. They might be able to stop one a year from now. But for 2003, the secondary remains less than a cohesive coverage unit.

Special teams

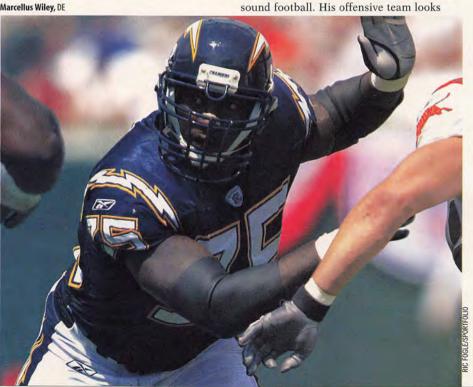
Veteran Steve Christie returns as the kicker and the Chargers have one of the game's better punters in Darren Bennett. Christie, who built his reputation kicking in Buffalo's stiff winds, has lost a little bit of his punch and accuracy from 40-49 yards. Bennett will get a run from rookie Mike Scifres, a fifth-round pick.

Dwight looks like he'll be returning both kickoffs (with Ronney Jenkins gone) and punts. That's a heavy workload, though the energetic Dwight will probably welcome the challenge.

Management

A.J. Smith replaces the late John Butler as general manager. He is a worthy heir to his longtime friend. Butler was always an astute judge of talent, but he relied heavily on Smith's input, in San Diego and in Buffalo. His first draft will be judged by how well the much-needed defensive backs (three taken on day one) pan out.

Schottenheimer's strength always has been coaching toughness and fundamentally



NFL

Capacity: 70,000

Turf: Grass

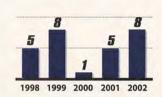
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Web site: www.chargers.com

M	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Diego										\$7.00	
AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	19oz	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

Qualcomm Stadium



		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	@Kansas City	1:00
Sept. 14	Denver	4:15
Sept. 21	Baltimore	4:15
Sept. 28	@Oakland	4:05
Oct. 5	@Jacksonville	4:05
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	@Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 27	Miami	9:00
Nov. 2	@Chicago	1:00
Nov. 9	Minnesota	4:05
Nov. 16	@Denver	4:05
Nov. 23	Cincinnati	4:15
Nov. 30	Kansas City	4:15
Dec.7	@Detroit	1:00
Dec. 14	Green Bay	4:15
Dec. 21	@Pittsburgh	4:05
Dec. 28	Oakland	4:15

pretty good. The second-guessing should center on the defense and how it comes around, given this offseason's jettisoning of Harrison and Seau, who had become the face of the franchise.

The fast start/slow fade routine wears thin quickly, and the Chargers need to sustain what they start in a sturdy division. They may have to take a step back to take two steps forward.

Bottom line

The Chargers streaked to a 6-1 start last year before plummeting to earth. Look for Schottenheimer to stress conditioning and defense during training camp so

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

1000	
Pos.	
QB	Drew Brees
FB	Lorenzo Neal
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson
LT	Damion McIntosh
LG	Kelvin Garmon
C	Jason Ball
RG	Toniu Fonoti
RT	Vaughn Parker
TE	Stephen Alexander
WR	Tim Dwight
WR	David Boston

DEFENCE

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Marcellus Wiley
LT	Jamal Williams
RT	Jason Fisk
RE	Raylee Johnson
OLB	Ben Leber
MLB	Zeke Moreno
OLB	Donnie Edwards
CB	Quentin Jammer
CB	Sammy Davis
SS	Rogers Beckett
FS	Ryan McNeil

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Darren Bennett
K	Steve Christie
PR	Tim Dwight
KR	Tim Dwight

that the club has a chance down the stretch.

There's a lot to like in young quarterback Brees and running back Tomlinson, though it might be wise not to wear Tomlinson completely out before November. If Boston is everything he's supposed to be, the threat of the deep ball could open up the running game even more.

The offense, though, isn't the problem. The Chargers need to be much better defensively in every area. They've got to generate a pass rush with their front four and protect a secondary that has just one marquee player.

It doesn't look like the parts will mesh so quickly.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Marty Schottenheimer, head coach

Bill Arnsparger, associate head coach/defense; Tim Brewster, tight ends; Cam Cameron, offensive coordinator; Pete Carmichael, offensive assistant/quality control; Steve Crosby, special teams; Jerry Holmes, defensive backs; Hudson Houck, offensive line; Dale Lindsey, defensive coordinator; James Lofton, wide receivers; Greg Manusky, linebackers; Wayne Nunnely, defensive line; John Pagano, defensive $assistant/quality\ control; \textbf{Dave}\ \textbf{Redding}, strength\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ \textbf{Schiotz}, assistant\ strength\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Schiotz}, assistant\ strength\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ \textbf{Schiotz}, assistant\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ assistant\ assistant\ and\ conditioning; \textbf{Matt}\ assistant\ assista$

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Adamson, Rob	QB	6-5	215	12/20/1979	0	Mount Union Colleg
9	Brees, Drew	QB	6-1	221	01/15/1979	2	Purdue
12	Burford, Seth	QB	6-3	241	03/11/1979	0	Cal Poly
7	Flutie, Doug	QB	5-10	180	10/23/1962	9	Boston College
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
60	Ball, Jason	(6-2	301	03/21/1979	1	New Hampshire
50	Binn, David	C	6-3	245	02/06/1972	9	California
71	Fonoti, Toniu	G	6-4	349	11/26/1981	1	Nebraska
63	Garmon, Kelvin	G	6-2	350	10/26/1976	2	Baylor
62	Hallen, Bob	G	6-3	295	03/09/1975	5	Kent
61	Keathley, Michael	G	6-4	296	03/09/1978	2	Texas Christian
77	McIntosh, Damion	T	6-4	325	03/25/1977	3	Kansas State
70	Parker, Vaughn	T	6-3	300	06/05/1971	9	UCLA
66	Raymer, Cory	C	6-3	300	03/03/1973	7	Wisconsin
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
24	Chatman, Jesse	RB	5-8	215	09/22/1979	1	Eastern Washington
45	Goodspeed, Joey	RB	6-1	247	02/22/1978	1	Notre Dame
41	Neal, Lorenzo	RB	5-11	245	12/27/1970	10	Fresno State
21	Tomlinson, LaDainian	RB	5-10	221	06/23/1979	2	Texas Christian
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
81	Alexander, Stephen	TE	6-4	250	11/07/1975	5	Oklahoma
88	Baker, Tim	WR	6-4	208	10/23/1977	1	Texas Tech
89	Boston, David	WR	6-2	236	08/19/1978	4	Ohio State
82	Caldwell, Reche	WR	5-11	194	03/28/1979	1	Florida
85	Dwight, Tim	WR	5-9	180	07/13/1975	5	lowa
86	Gilliam, Dondre	WR	6-1	185	02/09/1977	1	Millersville
83	Norman, Josh	TE	6-2	236	07/27/1980	1	Oklahoma
88	Parker, Eric	WR	6-1	172	04/14/1979	1	Tennessee
84	Peelle, Justin	TE	6-4	255	03/15/1979	1	Oregon
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Carson, Leonardo	DT	6-2	305	02/11/1977	3	Auburn
90	Dingle, Adrian	DE	6-3	272	06/25/1977	4	Clemson
92	Fisk, Jason	DT	6-3	295	09/04/1972	8	Stanford
95	Fontenot, Al	DE	6-4	287	09/17/1970	9	Baylor
99	Johnson, Raylee	DE	6-3	272	06/01/1970	9	Arkansas
93	Leverette, Otis	DE	6-6	278	05/31/1978	2	UAB
78	Scott, Dequincy	DT	6-1	280	04/19/1978	1	Southern Mississipp
75	Wiley, Marcellus	DE	6-4	275	11/30/1974	6	Columbia
76	Williams, Jamal	DT	6-3	305	04/28/1976	5	Oklahoma State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
42	Beckett, Rogers	S	6-3	205	01/31/1977	3	Marshall
27	Cody, Tay	CB	5-9	180	10/06/1977	2	Florida State
36	Fox, Vernon	5	5-9	200	10/09/1979	- 1	Fresno State
32	House, Kevin	CB	5-11	175	01/09/1979	1	South Carolina
23	Jammer, Quentin	CB	5-11	204	06/19/1979	1	Texas
47	McNeil, Ryan	CB	6-2	210	10/04/1970	10	Miami (FL)
20	Wilson, Jerry	СВ	5-10	190	07/17/1973	7	Southern University
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
59	Edwards, Donnie	LB	6-2	227	04/06/1973	7	UCLA
51	Leber, Ben	LB	6-3	244	12/07/1978	1	Kansas State
57	Moreno, Zeke	LB	6-2	246	10/10/1978	2	Southern California
52	Polk, Carlos	LB	6-2	250	02/22/1977	2	Nebraska
	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#	TOTAL PROPERTY.		6 5	235	01/09/1965	8	None
	Bennett, Darren	P	6-5	233	0110011100		Hone
#		P K	6-0	195	11/13/1967	14	William & Mary
# 2	Bennett, Darren	K	6-0	195	11/13/1967		Marine .
# 2	Bennett, Darren	K	6-0 2003	195			Many.

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	30	Davis, Sammy	CB	5-11	186	04/08/80	Texas A&M
2	14	Florence, Drayton	CB	6-1	198	12/19/80	Tuskegee
2	30	Kiel, Terrence	S	5-11	204	11/24/80	Texas A&M
3	16	Van Buren, Courtney	T	6-6	353	02/22/80	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
4	15	Wilhelm, Matt	LB	6-4	245	02/02/81	Ohio State
5	14	Scifres, Mike	P	6-2	236	10/08/80	Western Illinois
6	15	Milligan, Hanik	S	6-2	201	11/03/79	Houston
7	15	Pinnock, Andrew	RB	5-10	265	03/12/80	South Carolina

NFG East

Fagles will soar despite high-profile distractions from 'Big Tuna' and 'Steve Superior'

By Don Pierson, Chicago Tribune

he return of Bill Parcells is a bigger story this season than the hiring of Steve Spurrier was last season. The question is whether either coach can make a difference in Dallas and Washington as they chase Philadelphia and Parcells' old team, the Giants.

The Eagles and Giants still have an edge, but Parcells and Spurrier work for owners who refuse to sit still. The Cowboys' Jerry Jones and the Redskins' Daniel Snyder are the two most hands-on manipulators in the league. If their high-profile coaches need something, they will try to provide it. Patience isn't included.





PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

After two seasons of knocking on the Super Bowl door and getting shut out, coach Andy Reid is back for another shot with virtually the same cast. Quarterback Donovan McNabb remains the most dynamic force in the division, and last year's injury that cost him six games proved the Eagles are more than a one-man team.

One man they need to replace is sack specialist Hugh Douglas, who signed with Jacksonville. His pressure up front helped send three Eagles defensive backs to the Pro Bowl

Reid's challenge is to keep confidence high while his team is still in its prime. Anything short of a Super Bowl is going to foster doubt. Philly fans are restless.





NEW YORK GIANTS

No team in the division rallies down the stretch like coach Jim Fassel's Giants. If they can avoid disappointing games like last year's losses to Arizona and Houston, they think they can hold their own against the Eagles, Redskins and Cowboys. Mark Sept. 15 on the calendar— Parcells' return to Giants Stadium on a Monday night.

Tight end Jeremy Shockey is the most exciting receiver in the division, but amid the hype, his spectacular rookie season produced only two touchdown catches. The Giants expect more.



WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Snyder won the offseason again with an avalanche of free-agent signings, including an unheard-of four restricted free agents that cost draft choices. They added at least seven new starters plus a kicker and return specialist. Four came from the New York Jets, starting with receiver Laveranues Coles.

Spurrier must develop Patrick Ramsey at quarterback or risk tarnishing his reputation as an offensive guru. The defense also has to adapt to the loss of coordinator Marvin Lewis to Cincinnati.



DALLAS COWBOYS

Young quarterbacks are not Parcells' favorite people, so there is potential for fireworks in Texas Stadium. The Cowboys are the least settled team in the division at the most important position. Life without Emmitt Smith also will be a challenge. Still, Parcells can turn around teams faster than Jones can change coaches.

The Cowboys also play the Jets, Patriots, Buccaneers and Falcons—all teams that Parcells either coached or had flirtations with. Who says this isn't good theater?

Parcells says it is hard to explain why he came back.

"It's just a very exciting game," he says.
"If you like competition, in this league
Sunday at 1 o'clock, that's where it is."

Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Brian Dawkins, FS, Philadelphia

Against Houston, Dawkins became the first player in NFL history to record a sack, an interception, a fumble recovery and a touchdown reception in a single game.

RUSHER:

Tiki Barber, RB, New York

Gained more yards and carried more times than anybody else in division.

RECEIVER:

Jeremy Shockey, TE, New York

He shocked defensive backs all right.

TACKLER:

Dexter Coakley, LB, Dallas

Six seasons in row with more than 125 tackles.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Brian Mitchell, KR/RB, New York

All-time return leader has played for every division team except Cowboys.

TEAMMATE:

Troy Vincent, CB, Philadelphia

In locker room, during offseason, in huddle, despite injury, he's always there.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Michael Strahan, DE, New York

Mr. Entertainment, he should host an NFL talk show.

INTELLECT:

Tiki Barber, RB, New York

Always reading on team plane—and not just his playbook.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

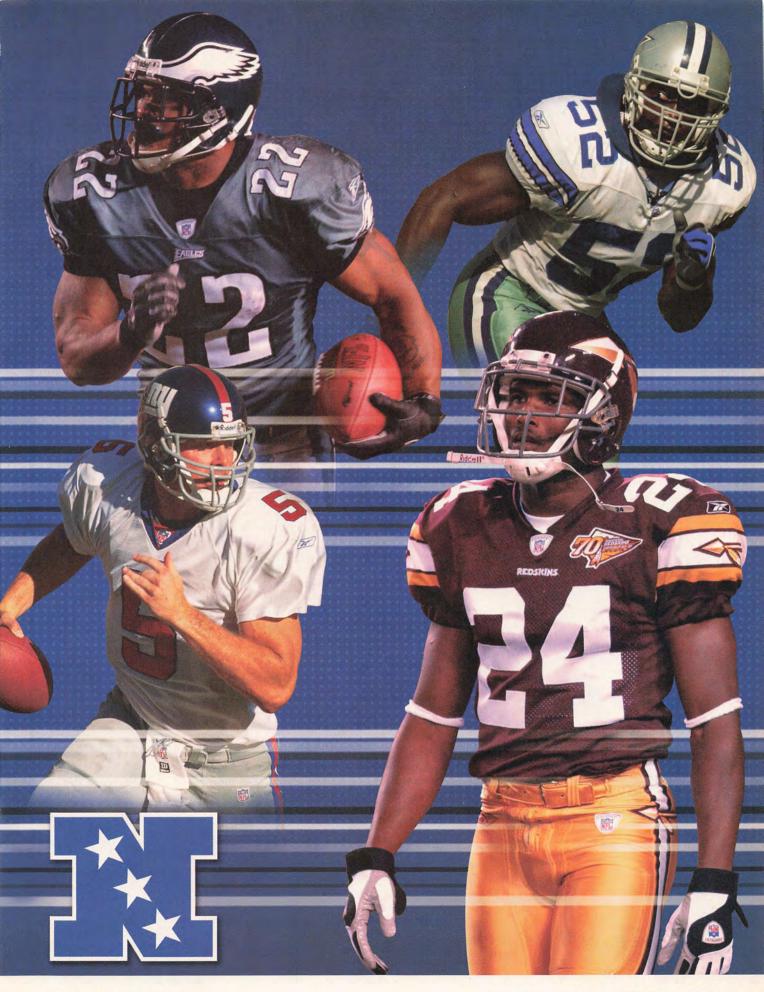
Bill Parcells, head coach, Dallas

Something about his presence affects players, rival coaches, referees and the game.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Ernie Accorsi, general manager, New York

Steady hand guides a steady franchise for the oldest owners in the league.



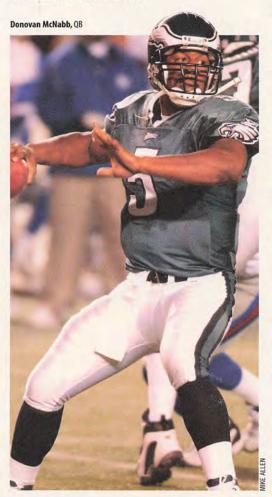


PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

With 16 games of McNabb, there's no telling how high Eagles could fly

Reid looking to hold home-field advantage this time around

fter losing the NFC title game two years in a row, the Eagles are either in a rut or on a trampoline. Whether they play the 2003 season with doubt or determination depends on the motivational skills of coach Andy Reid, who must validate his 2002 Coach-of-the-Year honor with an even better encore.



Having a healthy Donovan McNabb at quarterback all season would be nice, but it won't earn the Eagles any more than the home-field advantage they blew against Tampa Bay last time.

"We try to shoot for the stars," Reid says. "There's going to be disappointment if you don't get to the Super Bowl and win the Super Bowl. But our guys did a great job last season. We lost to a team with an equal record to ours, in a tough battle."

Offensive line

Grade: A-

With Pro Bowl tackles Tra Thomas and Jon Runyan and Pro Bowl guard Jermane Mayberry, there wasn't a more decorated line in the league. Center Hank Fraley and guard John Welbourn also are solid.

Losing veteran backup Doug Brzezinski to the Panthers doesn't help, so second-year players Artis Hicks and Scott Peters provide depth along with Bobbie Williams.

Quarterback

Grade: A-

McNabb suffered his first-ever injury, missing the last six regular-season games with a broken ankle. He could have been sharper in the title loss and is at the point where nothing short of Super Bowl success can satisfy him. McNabb's passer-efficiency rating has improved each of his first four years.

When Koy Detmer also got hurt, A.J. Feeley finished 4-1 to give Reid more options than most. While it proved the Eagles aren't quite the oneman team people thought, McNabb remains the key to Reid's star-shooting.

Running backs

Grade: B+

Coming off a very good season, Duce Staley nevertheless will be pushed for playing time by Correll Buckhalter, who missed last season with a knee injury. If Buckhalter can adapt to the passing game as well as Staley, he will get his carries.

With backup Dorsey Levens gone to the Giants, the Eagles will rely more on second-year man Brian Westbrook as a change of pace. The Eagles and Raiders completed what amounted to a free-agent trade of blocking fullbacks, exchanging Cecil Martin for Jon Ritchie.

Receivers

rade: C+

EAGLE FACT The Eagles and Oakland Raiders are the only NFL.

The development of Freddie Mitchell in his third season is a key because the Eagles let veteran Antonio Freeman go. If Mitchell disappoints again, second-year man Freddie Milons or third-round rookie Billy McMullen will have to step up to help starters Todd Pinkston and James Thrash.

"That third year's a big one for receivers; we saw that with Todd Pinkston," Reid says.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

- ► Kevin Clemens, FB
- ▶ Dirk Johnson, P
- Carlos Martinez, K
- ► Sean Morey, WR
- ► Jon Ritchie, FB (UFA-OAK)
- Mark Simoneau, LB
- (trade-ATL)

 ► Nate Wayne, LB

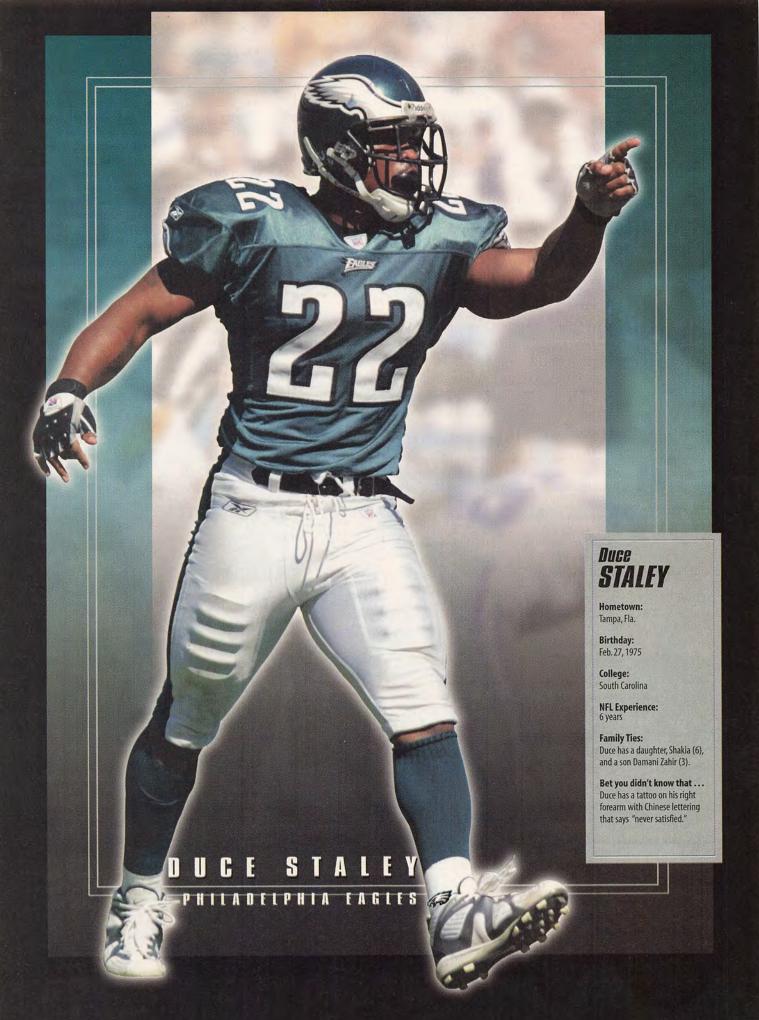
► Nate Wayne, LE (GB)

The Eagles lost more productive players than they gained, led by linebacker Shawn Barber, pass rusher Hugh Douglas and kick returner Brian Mitchell. But they didn't go overboard to keep them either, indicating they think they know what they're doing.

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	350.3	10
Rushing	138.8	7
Passing	211.5	19
Scoring	415	4
Punt Returns	12.1	6
Kick Returns	24.9	1
Red Zone TD %	47.4	24
Total Defense	297.1	4
Against Rush	103.8	9
Against Pass	193.4	7
Points Allowed	241	2
Interceptions	15	20t
Sacks	56	2
Turnover Diff.	+14	4

First Do Total		Pass	Penalty
311	124	164	23
Red Zo Poss.	ne Offer Pts.	se TD	FG
57	256	27	22
Touchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	Def.
15	27	2	2



2002 FINAL STATS Won 12, Lost 4

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	24-27	at Tennessee
09/16	W	37-7	at Washington
09/22	W	44-13	Dallas
09/29	W	35-17	Houston
10/06	L	25-28	at Jacksonville
10/20	W	20-10	Tampa Bay
10/28	W	17-3	New York Giants
11/03	W	19-13	at Chicago
11/10	L	13-35	Indianapolis
11/17	W	38-14	Arizona
11/25	W	38-17	at San Francisco
12/01	W	10-3	St. Louis
12/08	W	27-20	at Seattle
12/15	W	34-21	Washington
12/21	W	27-3	at Dallas
12/28	L	7-10 (OT)	at New York Giants

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Staley	269	1029	3.8	57	5
McNabb	63	460	7.3	40t	6
Levens	75	411	5.5	47t	1
Westbrook	46	193	4.2	18	0
Thrash	18	126	7.0	32	2
Akers	1	10	10.0	10	0
Feeley	12	6	0.5	6	0
Detmer	2	4	2.0	3	1
Eagles	489	2220	4.5	57	15
Opponents	390	1660	4.3	58	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Pinkston	60	798	13.3	42t	7
Thrash	52	635	12.2	39t	6
Staley	51	541	10.6	45	3
Freeman	46	600	13.0	59t	4
Lewis	42	398	9.5	30	3
Levens	19	124	6.5	24	1
Martin	15	126	8.4	53	0
Mitchell	12	105	8.8	18	0
Thomason	10	128	12.8	24	2
Westbrook	9	86	9.6	20	0
Dawkins	1	57	57.0	57t	1
Eagles	318	3606	11.3	59t	27
Opponents	333	3442	10.3	57t	18

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
McNabb	361	211	2289	17	6
Feeley	154	86	1011	6	5
Detmer	28	19	224	2	0
Eagles	548	318	3606	27	11
Opponents	563	333	3442	18	15

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Douglas 12.5, Kalu 8.0, Walker 7.5, Whiting 6.0, Grasmanis 4.0, Emmons 3.5, Dawkins 3.0, Bishop 2.0, Simon 2.0, Reese 1.5, Barber 1.0, Brown 1.0, Cook 1.0, Gardner 1.0, Lewis 1.0

Eagles 56.0, Opponents 36.0

t=touchdown

Reid found help for Pro Bowl tight end Chad Lewis with second-round draft pick L.J. Smith, who was ranked the best receiver among tight ends.

Defensive line Grade: B-

Losing top sacker Hugh Douglas to the Jaguars was expected but not welcome, so the Eagles moved up in the first round to take Miami rusher Jerome McDougle, then tapped Miami again in the fourth round for Jamaal Green, who's short like Douglas.

Derrick Burgess is coming off his second foot surgery, but Reid is confident he "can be a double-digit sack guy." Burgess and Ndukwe Kalu (eight sacks) are slated to share time opposite Brandon Whiting, but McDougle is going to get his chance right away.

Inside, the Eagles are tough with Darwin Walker and Corey Simon, backed by Paul Grasmanis and Jeremy Slechta. Although the Eagles sent 10 players to the Pro Bowl, they thought Walker deserved to be the 11th.

Chad Lewis, TE

Linebackers

Grade: B-

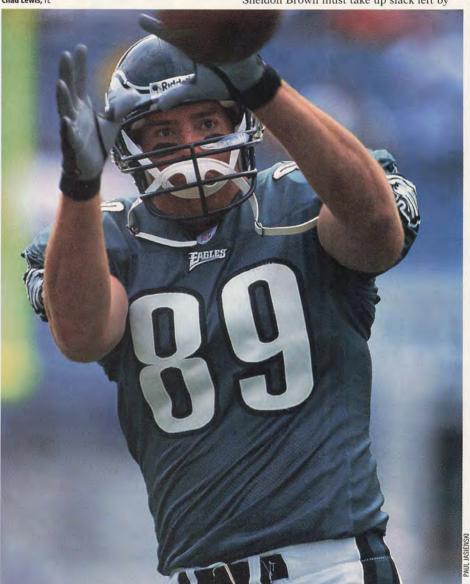
Defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has pulled strings to make his blitzing defense effective no matter who plays linebacker. He will be lining up with his third different middle linebacker and weakside linebacker in three years. In the middle, Mark Simoneau was obtained from the Falcons to replace Levon Kirkland, who followed Jeremiah Trotter. At the weakside, Nate Wayne arrived from the Packers to replace Shawn Barber, who followed Mike Caldwell. Carlos Emmons remains the strongside starter.

Simoneau and Wayne are lighter and faster, and are backed by Justin Ena, Ike Reese and Keith Adams.

Secondary

Grade: A

Three Pro Bowlers, cornerbacks Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor and free safety Brian Dawkins, will join second-year strong safety Michael Lewis in an excellent secondary. Second-year corners Lito Sheppard and Sheldon Brown must take up slack left by



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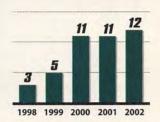
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TEAM	THE RESERVE		The second second					The second second	The second second	Program	
Philadelphia	65,442	99.9	\$46.19	\$5.75	18oz	\$3.00	21oz	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$14.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	19oz	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	Tampa Bay	9:00
Sept. 14	New England	4:15
Sept. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sept. 28	@Buffalo	1:00
Oct. 5	Washington	4:15
Oct. 12	@Dallas	1:00
Oct. 19	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Oct. 26	N.Y. Jets	4:15
Nov. 2	@Atlanta	4:15
Nov. 10	@Green Bay	9:00
Nov. 16	N.Y. Giants	1:00
Nov. 23	New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 30	@Carolina	1:00
Dec.7	Dallas	1:00
Dec. 15	@Miami	9:00
Dec. 21	San Francisco	4:15
Dec. 27	@Washington	8:30

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Donovan McNabb
FB	Jon Ritchie
RB	Duce Staley
LT	Tra Thomas
LG	John Welbourn
C	Hank Fraley
RG	Jermane Mayberry
RT	Jon Runyan
TE	Chad Lewis
WR	James Thrash
WR	Todd Pinkston

Pos.	all and the state of the state
LE	Brandon Whiting
LT	Corey Simon
RT	Darwin Walker
RE	Derrick Burgess
OLB	Carlos Emmons
MLB	Mark Simoneau
OLB	Nate Wayne
CB	Troy Vincent
CB	Bobby Taylor
SS	Michael Lewis
FS	Brain Dawkins
SPE	CIAL TEAMS
Pos.	
P	Dirk Johnson
K	David Akers
PR	Brian Westbrook

the trading of premier nickel back Al Harris to the Packers.

Special teams Grade: B

Coach John Harbaugh's excellent special teams were hit by defections when ace return man Brian Mitchell went to the Giants, ageless punter Sean Landeta left for the Rams and cover man Barry Gardner defected to the Browns.

The Eagles added punter Dirk Johnson to Pro Bowl placekicker David Akers. Westbrook and Milons will share the return duties.

Management Grade: A-

Except for those title-game losses, the team of Reid on the

sidelines and Joe Banner at the salary-cap calculator has put the Eagles among the league's elite. They are in their "window of opportunity" now and must get to a Super Bowl to keep those infamous Philly fans happy in their new stadium.

Brian Westbrook

Bottom line

This is one of the league's best teams, with few holes or question marks other than their disappointing loss to Tampa that left the city of Philadelphia in mourning. As long as that memory doesn't linger and infest the future, the Eagles could win it all this year.

FINAL GRADE:

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Andy Reid, head coach

Tommy Brasher, defensive line; Juan Castillo, offensive line; Brad Childress, offensive coordinator; David Culley, wide receivers; John Harbaugh, special teams; Jim Johnson, defensive coordinator; Bill Shuey, offensive assistant/quality control; Sean McDermott, assistant defensive backs; Tom Melvin, tight ends; Ron Rivera, linebackers; Pat Shurmur, quarterbacks; Steve Spagnuolo, defensive backs; Dave Toub, special teams quality control; Ted Williams, running backs; Mike Wolf, strength and conditioning; Marty Mornhinweg, senior assistant coach

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
14	Feeley, A.J.	QB	6-3	217	05/16/1977	2	Oregon
11	Hasselbeck, Tim	QB	6-1	211	04/06/1978	1	Boston College
5	McNabb, Donovan	QB	6-2	226	11/25/1976	4	Syracuse
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	23	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
63	Fraley, Hank	C	6-2	300	09/21/1977	2	Robert Morris
77	Hicks, Artis	T	6-4	303	11/28/1978	1	Memphis
71	Mayberry, Jermane	G	6-4	325	08/29/1973	7	Texas A&M-Kingsvil
62	Peters, Scott	C	6-3	300	11/23/1978	1	Arizona State
69	Runyan, Jon	T	6-7	330	11/27/1973	7	Michigan
72	Thomas, Tra	T	6-7	349	11/20/1974	5	Florida State
76	Welbourn, John	G	6-5	318	03/30/1976	4	California
66	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-3	320	09/25/1976	1	Arkansas
71	Wong, Joe	G	6-6	315	02/24/1976	0	Brigham Young
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Buckhalter, Correll	RB	6-0	222	10/06/1978	2	Nebraska
40	Ritchie, Jon	RB	6-1	250	09/04/1974	5	Stanford
22	Staley, Duce	RB	5-11	220	02/27/1975	6	South Carolina
36	Westbrook, Brian	RB	5-8	200	09/02/1979	1	Villanova
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
89	Lewis, Chad	TE	6-6	252	10/05/1971	6	Brigham Young
85	Milons, Freddie	WR	5-11	190	06/27/1980	0	Alabama
84	Mitchell, Freddie	WR	5-11	184	11/28/1978	2	UCLA
19	Morey, Sean	WR	5-11	200	02/26/1976	1	Brown
87	Pinkston, Todd	WR	6-2	174	04/23/1977	3	Southern Mississipp
80	Thrash, James	WR	6-1	200	04/28/1975	6	Missouri Southern S
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		нт	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
59	Burgess, Derrick	DE	6-2	286	08/12/1978	3	Mississippi
96	Grasmanis, Paul	DT	6-3	298	08/02/1974	7	Notre Dame
94	Kalu, Ndukwe	DE	6-3	265	08/03/1975	6	Rice
90	Simon, Corey	DT	6-2	293	03/02/1977	3	Florida State
79	Slechta, Jeremy	DT	6-6	285	05/12/1980	1	Nebraska
78	Thomas, Hollis	DT	6-0	306	01/10/1974	6	Northern Illinois
97	Walker, Darwin	DT	6-3	294	06/15/1977	3	Tennessee
98	Whiting, Brandon	DE	6-3	285	07/30/1976	5	California
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	_	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
39	Brown, Sheldon	СВ	5-10	196	03/19/1979	1	South Carolina
20	Dawkins, Brian	5	5-11	200	10/13/1973	7	Clemson
32	Lewis, Michael	5	6-1	211	04/29/1980	1	Colorado
26	Sheppard, Lito	CB	5-10	194	04/08/1981	1	Florida
21	Taylor, Bobby	CB	6-3	216	12/28/1973	8	Notre Dame
23	Vincent, Troy	CB	6-1	200	06/08/1971	11	Wisconsin
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#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
57	Adams, Keith	LB	5-11	223	11/22/1979	2	Clemson
51	Emmons, Carlos	LB	6-5	250	09/03/1973	7	Arkansas State
95	Ena, Justin	LB	6-3	247	11/20/1977	1	Brigham Young
54	Harrison, Tyreo	LB	6-2	238	05/15/1980	1	Notre Dame
58	Reese, Ike	LB	6-2	222	10/16/1973	5	Michigan State
53	Simoneau, Mark	LB	6-1	234	01/16/1977	3	Kansas State
54	Wayne, Nate	LB	6-1	237	01/12/1975	5	Mississippi
#	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Akers, David	K	5-10	200	12/09/1974	5	Louisville
6	Johnson, Dirk	P	6-1	205	06/01/1975	1	Northern Colorado
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GIANTS

Giants appear ready to make a big move now that their special teams are patched up

Favorable schedule sets up well for a fast start in Big Apple

t would be a snap judgment to consider the Giants one bad snap from a Super Bowl. Yet their offseason changes were based on their last play of 2002, the botched field-goal snap in the 39-38 playoff loss to the 49ers.

They hired a new long snapper, Ryan Kuehl of the Browns—plus veteran placekicker Mike Hollis



of the Bills, veteran punter Jeff Feagles of the

of the Bills, veteran punter Jeff Feagles of the Seahawks and all-time kick returner Brian Mitchell of the Eagles—to totally revamp a special-teams unit that ranked in the bottom half of the league.

Coach Jim Fassel will continue to call plays. After taking over for former offensive coordinator Sean Payton after the seventh game, Fassel's play-calling resulted in a scoring boost from 12.7 points to 25.7 a game.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

Much like the entire Giants team, there was no way this inexperienced offensive line was supposed to flourish last year, but coach Jim McNally did such a good job molding the unit that he's being asked to do it again.

Right guard Jason Whittle and right tackle Mike Rosenthal were stolen by the Bucs and Vikings, respectively, so second-year players Tam Hopkins, Ian Allen and Jeff Hatch must step up. The left side is solid with tackle Luke Petitgout and guard Rich Seubert alongside center Chris Bober. They hope center/guard Dusty Ziegler returns from knee surgery and fifth-round guard David Diehl makes it.

Quarterback

Grade: B+

Kerry Collins, who turned 30 last December, gets better with age. He's coming off a career-high efficiency rating of 85.4 and set a team record of 4,073 yards passing. For the first time, he completed more than 60 percent of his throws. He has started 54 consecutive games.

Veteran backup Jason Garrett is still around and, someday, young Jesse Palmer might get a chance to develop. For now, it's Collins' ball.

Running backs

Grade: A-

Tiki Barber is the best back in the NFC East, at least. Over the last three seasons, he is seven yards ahead of the Rams' Marshall Faulk in all-purpose yards. His 304 rushing attempts last season trailed only the Saints' Deuce McAllister in the NFC and represented almost half the carries (629) of his first five years combined.

The Giants still have to be careful not to overwork a good thing. Since Ron Dayne failed to provide a productive alternative, the Giants signed the Eagles' Dorsey Levens, who's a more effective receiver. They also added Jim Finn from the Colts to help Charles Stackhouse at fullback.

Receivers

Grade: B+

If tight end Jeremy Shockey makes the usual leap in production after the rookie year, the Giants will be hard to contain. His 74 catches opened



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Mark Inkrott, TE Ryan Kuehl, LS

(UFA-CLE)

Jeff Feagles, P
(UFA-SEA)

Jim Finn, FB (NTFA-IND)

Ray Green, CB (NTFA-MIA)

Mike Hollis, K (UFA-BUF)

Dorsey Levens, RB (UFA-PHI)

Brian Mitchell, RB-KR (UFA-PHI)

► Brad Rice, LB

Keith Washington, DE
(DEN)

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	364.1	6
Rushing	117.2	14
Passing	246.9	6
Scoring	320	22
Punt Returns	7.6	27
Kick Returns	20.7	22
Red Zone TD %	37.3	32
Total Defense	309.3	9
Against Rush	114.4	16
Against Pass	194.9	9
Points Allowed	279	3
Interceptions	11	25
Sacks	37	15
Turnover Diff.	-2	18t

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GIANT FACT

Jeremy Charles **SHOCKEY**

Hometown: Ada, Okla.

Birthday: Aug. 18, 1980

College: Miami

NFL Experience: 1 year

Family Ties: Younger brother, James

Bet you didn't know that . . . Jeremy drives a Hummer2 and he's building an antique "muscle car" in the offseason—a Shelby Cobra or a Chevy Corvette. JER/EMY SHOCKEY NEW YORK GIANTS TH

2002 FINAL STATS Won 10, Lost 6

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/05	L	13-16	San Francisco
09/15	W	26-21	at St. Louis
09/22	W	9-6	Seattle
09/29	L	7-21	at Arizona
10/06	W	21-17	at Dallas
10/13	L	10-17	Atlanta
10/28	L	3-17	at Philadelphia
11/03	W	24-17	Jacksonville
11/10	W	27-20	at Minnesota
11/17	W	19-17	Washington
11/24	L	14-16	at Houston
12/01	L	29-32 (OT)	Tennessee
12/08	W	27-21	at Washington
12/15	W	37-7	Dallas
12/22	W	44-27	at Indianapolis
12/28	W	10-7 (OT)	Philadelphia

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Barber	304	1387	4.6	70	11
Dayne	125	428	3.4	30t	3
Carter	3	28	9.3	13	0
Allen	3	23	7.7	13	0
Hilliard	1	7	7.0	7	0
Jones	1	4	4.0	4	0
Joyce	2	2	1.0	1	0
Toomer	1	2	2.0	2	0
Rouen	1	0	0	0	0
Collins	44	-3	-0.1	8	0
Palmer	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Giants	486	1875	3.9	70	14
Opponents	407	1830	4.5	78t	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Toomer	82	1343	16.4	82t	8
Shockey	74	894	12.1	30	2
Barber	69	597	8.7	38	0
Hilliard	27	386	14.3	38	2
Dixon	22	377	17.1	33	2
Campbell	22	175	8.0	27	1
Stackhouse	13	88	6.8	18t	3
Dayne	11	49	4.5	8	0
Jones	8	90	11.3	32	0
Bennett	5	37	7.4	10	0
Carter	2	37	18.5	27	0
Rivers	2	25	12.5	17t	1
Joyce	1	5	5.0	5	0
Giants	338	4103	12.1	82t	19
Opponents	311	3369	10.8	63	17

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT	
Collins	545	335	4073	19	14	
Palmer	4	3	30	0	0	
Giants	549	338	4103	19	14	
Opponents	541	311	3369	17	11	

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Strahan 11.0, Holmes 8.0, Griffin 4.0, Short 3.0, Barrow 2.5, Ferrara 2.5, Frisch 2.0, Williams 2.0, Greisen 1.0, Lewis 1.0

Giants 37.0, Opponents 24.0

t=touchdown

things up just the way the Giants planned. Better red-zone play remains a priority.

Shockey's presence enabled Amani Toomer to set a team record with 82 catches while averaging an impressive 16.4 yards a reception. Clutch performer Ike Hilliard is back from a shoulder injury and there is hope that Tim Carter, whose rookie season was ruined by an Achilles' tendon injury, can come back and push Daryl Jones and Ron Dixon.

Losing blocking tight end Dan Campbell to the arch-rival Cowboys was a double blow, but the Giants drafted promising Vishante Shiancoe (6-4, 251 pounds) from Morgan State in the third round to try and fill that hole.

Defensive line Grade: C+

This is Fassel's biggest concern, especially with uncertainty surrounding the return of tackle Keith Hamilton from an Achilles' injury. Although Michael Strahan remains a premier force at left end, tackle Cornelius Griffin and right end Kenny Holmes have yet to

Michael Strahan, DE

provide consistency, although Holmes had eight sacks last season.

Lance Legree subbed for Hamilton, but top draft choice William Joseph at tackle and second-rounder Osi Umenyiora at end are welcome additions. The Giants also added end Keith Washington from the Broncos.

Grade: B-

Linebackers

With young and active Dhani Jones and Brandon Short flanking emotional leader and top tackler Mike Barrow, this unit is on the upswing. Kevin Lewis is the primary backup at all three spots and is joined by second-year players Quincy Monk, Nick Greisen, and Wesly Mallard.

Secondary Grade: B

Young cornerbacks Will Allen and William Peterson give defensive coordinator Johnnie Lynn a warm feeling after only their second year. The Giants were able to let expensive veteran Jason Sehorn go and they hope Kato Serwanga, Ralph Brown, newcomer Ray Green from the Dolphins and fourth-rounder Rod Babers can man the nickel positions.



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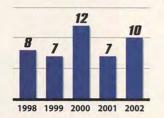
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TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Cap.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
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FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



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Dec.7	Washington	1:00
Dec. 14	@New Orleans	8:30
Dec. 21	@Dallas	1:00
Dec. 28	Carolina	4:05

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Kerry Collins
FB	Charles Stackhouse
RB	Tiki Barber
LT	Luke Petitgout
LG	Rich Seubert
C	Chris Bober
RG	Tam Hopkins
RT	Ian Allen
TE	Jeremy Shockey
WR	Ike Hilliard
WR	Amani Toomer

DEFENSE

DEL	ENDE
Pos.	
LE	Michael Strahan
LT	Cornelius Griffin
RT	William Joseph
RE	Kenny Holmes
OLB	Brandon Short
MLB	Mike Barrow
OLB	Dhani Jones
CB	Will Allen
CB	William Peterson
SS	Shaun Williams
FS	Omar Stoutmire

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Jeff Feagles
K	Mike Hollis
PR	Brian Mitchell
KR	Brian Mitchell

Shaun Williams and Omar Stoutmire return as starting safeties. The Giants need more interceptions after finishing with only 11.

Special teams Grade: C

Although Delvin Joyce is a promising return man, Mitchell might be the best ever and continues his journey north after stops in other NFC East cities Washington and Philadelphia. Feagles and Hollis should lend more stability in the kicking game, but all eyes will be on Kuehl's first long snap.

Management Grade: B+

Although Fassel always seems to be on the edge, the Giants

have the best December record in the league since he became coach in 1997. With General Manager Ernie Accorsi providing a steady hand in personnel decisions, the Giants look like playoff contenders again.

Bottom line

This is a solid team, one of only five in the league to rank in the top 10 in both offense and defense last season. The Giants expect special teams to catch up. The team is also in its prime at many key positions. The schedule sets up for a fast start with three of four at home, and their first game against the Eagles is also at home.

FINAL GRADE:

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NEW YORK GIANTS

lim Fassel, head coach

Dave Brazil, senior defensive analyst; John Dunn, strength and conditioning; Johnnie Lynn, defensive coordinator; Denny Marcin, defensive line; Jim McNally, offensive line; Tom Olivadotti, linebackers; Turk Schonert, quarterbacks; Mike Pope, tight ends; Bruce Read, special teams; Jay Robertson, offensive quality control; Jimmy Robinson, wide receivers; Rod Rust, defensive quality control; Craig Stoddard, assistant strength and conditioning; Eric Studesville, running backs; DeWayne Walker, defensive backs; Mike

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
5	Collins, Kerry	QB	6-5	248	12/30/1972	8	Penn State
17	Garrett, Jason	QB	6-2	200	03/28/1966	9	Princeton
3	Palmer, Jesse	QB	6-2	225	10/05/1978	1	Florida
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	1	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Allen, lan	Ţ	6-4	320	07/22/1978	1	Purdue
67 79	Bober, Chris Brooks, Barrett	T	6-5 6-5	310 314	12/24/1976	7	Nebraska-Omaha
66	Dorsey, Char-ron	Ť	6-6	388	05/05/1972 11/05/1978	2	Kansas State Florida State
00	Hatch, Jeff	Ť	6-6	296	09/28/1979	1	Pennsylvania
65	Hopkins, Tam	G	6-4	315	03/22/1978	1	Ohio State
69	Seubert, Rich	G	6-5	305	03/30/1979	2	Western Illinois
68	Smith, Omar	(6-2	296	09/08/1977	1	Kentucky
52	Zeigler, Dusty	(6-5	305	09/27/1973	7	Notre Dame
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#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
21	Barber, Tiki	RB	5-10	200	04/07/1975	6	Virginia
20	Bennett, Sean	RB	6-1	230	11/09/1975	2	Northwestern
27 36	Dayne, Ron	RB RB	5-10 6-1	250 242	03/14/1978 12/09/1976	3	Wisconsin
33	Finn, Jim Joyce, Delvin	RB	5-7	181	09/21/1978	1	Pennsylvania James Madison
25	Levens, Dorsey	RB	6-1	230	05/21/1970	9	Georgia Tech
30	Mitchell, Brian	RB	5-10	221	08/18/1968	13	S.W. Louisiana
45	Stackhouse, Charles	RB	6-2	252	04/11/1980	1	Mississippi
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
84	Carter, Tim	WR	5-11	190	09/21/1979	1	Auburn
86	Dixon, Ron	WR	6-1	190	05/28/1976	3	Lambuth
85	Dorris, Derek	WR	6-2	206	12/01/1978	1	Texas Tech
88	Hilliard, Ike	WR	5-11	205	04/05/1976	6	Florida
87	Jones, Daryl	WR	5-9	175	02/02/1979	1	Miami (FL)
44	O'Leary, Dan	TE	6-3	252	09/01/1977	2	Notre Dame
83	Rivers, Marcellus	TE	6-4	255	10/26/1978	2	Oklahoma State
81	Shockey, Jeremy Toomer, Amani	WR	6-5 6-3	252 208	08/18/1980 09/08/1974	7	Miami (FL) Michigan
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# 95	DEFENSIVE LINE Ferrara, Frank	DE	HT 6-3	WT 280	BORN 12/07/1975	EXP.	Rhode Island
97	Griffin, Cornelius	DT	6-3	300	12/07/1975	3	Alabama
75	Hamilton, Keith	DT	6-6	295	05/25/1971	11	Pittsburgh
90	Holmes, Kenny	DE	6-4	265	10/24/1973	6	Miami (FL)
94	Johnson, Dwight	DE	6-4	290	01/30/1977	2	Baylor
97	Kuehl, Ryan	DT	6-5	290	01/18/1972	6	Virginia
70	Legree, Lance	DT	6-1	300	12/22/1977	2	Notre Dame
98	Miller, Ahmad	DT	6-3	306	04/10/1978	0	UNLV
92	Mitrione, Matt Strahan, Michael	DE	6-2 6-5	295 275	07/15/1978	10	Purdue Texas Southern
97	Washington, Keith	DE	6-4	275	12/18/1972	7	UNLV
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# 25	Allen, Will	СВ	5-10	WT 195	08/05/1978	EXP.	COLLEGE Syracuse
22	Brown, Ralph	CB	5-10	185	09/16/1978	3	Nebraska
41	Dinkins, Darnell	S	6-3	234	01/20/1977	1	Pittsburgh
40	Green, Ray	CB	6-3	190	03/22/1977	3	South Carolina
37	Harris, Johnnie	S	6-2	210	08/21/1972	4	Mississippi State
35	LeBlanc, Clarence	CB	6-3	200	03/26/1977	0	LSU
24	Peterson, William	CB	6-1	200	06/15/1979	2	Western Illinois
26 34	Serwanga, Kato Stephens, Reggie	CB CB	6-1 5-9	200 200	07/23/1976 02/21/1975	4	California Rutgers
23	Stoutmire, Omar	S	5-11	203	07/09/1974	6	Fresno State
36	Williams, Shaun	S	6-2	217	10/10/1976	5	UCLA
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	A SAMPLE OF	EXP.	COLLEGE
58	Barrow, Mike	LB	6-2	245	BORN 04/19/1970	10	Miami (FL)
54	Greisen, Nick	LB	6-1	242	08/10/1979	1	Wisconsin
55	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	240	02/22/1978	2	Michigan
59	Lewis, Kevin	LB	6-1	230	10/06/1978	3	Duke
51	Mallard, Wesly	LB	6-1	221	11/21/1978	1	Oregon
93	Monk, Quincy	LB	6-3	250	01/30/1979	1	North Carolina
	Short, Brandon	LB	6-3	253	07/11/1977	3	Penn State
53			HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	KICKERS					- 1	Davidson
53 # 8	Bryant, Matt	K	5-9	191	05/21/1975	1	Baylor
53 # 8 10	Bryant, Matt Feagles, Jeff	P	5-9 6-1	211	03/07/1966	15	Miami (FL)
53 # 8	Bryant, Matt Feagles, Jeff Hollis, Mike	PK	5-9 6-1 5-7	211 178	03/07/1966 05/22/1972	15 8	Miami (FL) Idaho
53 # 8 10	Bryant, Matt Feagles, Jeff	P	5-9 6-1	211	03/07/1966	15	Miami (FL)

	2003 DRAFTEES								
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE		
1	25	Joseph, William	DT	6-5	308	09/03/79	Miami (FL)		
2	24	Umenyiora, Osi	DE	6-3	280	11/16/80	Troy State		
3	27	Shiancoe, Vishante	TE	6-4	251	06/18/80	Morgan State		
4	26	Babers, Roderick	CB	5-9	192	10/06/80	Texas		
5	25	Diehl, David	Ī	6-6	310	09/15/80	Illinois		
6	26	Ponder, Willie	WR	6-1	205	02/14/80	S.E. Missouri State		
6	34	Walker, Frank	CB	5-11	202	08/06/80	Tuskegee		
6	38	Tyree, David	WR	6-1	197	01/03/80	Syracuse		
7	26	Drake, Charles	S	6-1	205	09/25/81	Michigan		
7	35	Lucier, Wayne	C	6-3	301	12/05/79	Colorado		
7	41	Walter Kevin	WR	6.3	221	08/04/81	Fastern Michigan		





Faster 'Skins more to coach Spurrier's liking, but don't expect contention just yet

Second-year man Ramsey's development at QB is critical

aniel Snyder runs his Redskins like an impetuous fan, hiring and firing coaches and players as if this business were as easy as raising ticket prices. He has discovered it isn't fantasy football. Likewise, innovative coach Steve Spurrier has discovered this isn't college football.

Give the odd couple points for boldness as they tried to buy a new offensive line, traded for running back Trung Canidate and overpaid to land receiver Laveranues Coles. They practically dismantled the

Patrick Ramsey, QB

Jets. Spurrier's offense ranked 20th and he's counting on second-year quarterback Patrick Ramsey.

"Certainly we needed to become a faster team. We signed lot of free agents that have speed," Spurrier says.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

Guard was a problem so Snyder bought freeagent starters Randy Thomas from the Jets and Dave Fiore from the 49ers to join center Larry Moore and top tackles Chris Samuels and Jon Jansen. He also hired free-agent guard Lennie Friedman from the Broncos and drafted 347-pound Derrick Dockery.

Samuels and Jansen are the kind of young, bookend tackles a coach doesn't dare take for granted. Wilbert Brown, Tre Johnson and Alex Sulfsted are backups.

Ouarterback

Grade: C-

After ignoring Ramsey as a rookie and thinking ex-Florida Gators Shane Matthews and Danny Wuerffel could win on this level, Spurrier says he is "really excited" about coaching Ramsey in his second year. He started five games, including the last three, and won his last two.

"He didn't get many snaps through all the camps last year, and we didn't think he would play that much, but he has a big-time future. I really want to see how taking all the snaps every day can help him." Spurrier says.

The Redskins added Rob Johnson from the Bucs as their backup.

Running backs

Grade: C-

Spurrier is not a running coach, so productive Stephen Davis now works for Carolina. The speedy Canidate backed up Marshall Faulk in St. Louis, where he was injury- and fumble-prone, but he's a better fit for Spurrier.

"When Trung gets that draw play and it opens up the way it did some last year, instead of a six-yard gainer, we'll see if he can't take it to the house," Spurrier says. "We didn't have many long runs or long passes last year."

Ladell Betts and Kenny Watson are promising second-year backups and fullbacks Bryan Johnson and Rock Cartwright are solid.

Receivers

Grade: B+

The addition of Coles provides a fast go-to receiver at the cost of a first-round draft choice. Although undersized at 5-11, Coles was the key figure in the Jets' playoff push last season. The Jets claim Snyder's outrageous \$13 million signing bonus was more than Coles requested.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Matt Bowen, S

(trade-GB)

David Brandt, OL (trade-GB)

Trung Canidate, RB

(trade-STL) Laveranues Coles, WR

(NYJ) Dave Fiore, G

Patrick Johnson, WR

Rob Johnson, QB

Tre' Johnson, G

(CLE)

Chad Morton, KR

(NYJ)

Regan Upshaw, DE

(OAK)

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	321.4	20
Rushing	118.1	13
Passing	203.4	21
Scoring	307	25
Punt Returns	10.5	11
Kick Returns	20.7	20
Red Zone TD %	59.1	5
Total Defense	299.2	5
Against Rush	109.6	12
Against Pass	189.6	5
Points Allowed	365	21
Interceptions	14	22t
Sacks	40	11
Turnover Diff.	-14	29

Total Rush Pass Penalty 303 107 Red Zone Offense 214

Rush Pass

FG

11

Def.

REDSKIN FACT



Hometown: Folkston, Ga.

Birthday: June 22, 1978

College: Georgia

NFL Experience: 4 years

Family Ties:

Champ and his wife, Hanady, have a son, Keevan,

Bet you didn't know that ...

Champ was an all-state honorable mention in basketball and the state high jump champion at Charlton County High School (Folkston, Ga.)

CHAMP BAILEY
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

2002 FINAL STATS Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	31-23	Arizona
09/16	L	7-37	Philadelphia
09/22	L	10-20	at San Francisco
10/06	W	31-14	at Tennessee
10/13	L	27-43	New Orleans
10/20	L	9-30	at Green Bay
10/27	W	26-21	Indianapolis
11/03	W	14-3	at Seattle
11/10	L	7-26	at Jacksonville
11/17	L	17-19	at New York Giants
11/24	W	20-17	St. Louis
11/28	L	20-27	at Dallas
12/08	L	21-27	New York Giants
12/15	L	21-34	at Philadelphia
12/22	W	26-10	Houston
12/29	W	20-14	Dallas

BUCHING	ATT	VDC	ANG	LONG	TO
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Davis	207	820	4.0	33	7
Watson	116	534	4.6	24	1
Betts	65	307	4.7	27	1
Thompson	10	77	7.7	26	0
Wuerffel	10	76	7.6	26	0
Matthews	12	31	2.6	11	0
Cartwright	3	22	7.3	20	0
Green	2	9	4.5	8	0
McCants	1	9	9.0	9	0

Redskins	442	1889	4.3	33	10
Opponents	435	1754	4.0	47t	14

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Gardner	71	1006	14.2	43	8
Thompson	53	773	14.6	47	4
Watson	32	253	7.9	62t	1
Davis	23	142	6.2	14t	1
McCants	21	256	12.2	32	2
Doering	18	192	10.7	33t	2
Johnson	15	114	7.6	23	0
Betts	12	154	12.8	40	0
Lockett	11	129	11.7	26t	2
Cartwright	11	121	11.0	22	1
Flemister	10	146	14.6	25	2
Rasby	9	85	9.4	18	0
Jackson	7	58	8.3	19	1
Green	5	94	18.8	44	0
Redskins	300	3523	11.7	62t	24
Opponents	304	3283	10.8	58	19

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Ramsey	227	117	1539	9	8
Matthews	237	124	1251	11	6
Wuerffel	92	58	719	3	6
Redskins	559	300	3523	24	20
Opponents	531	304	3283	19	14

Arrington 11.0, Smith 9.0, Gardener 4.0, Armstead 3.0, Powell 3.0, Jackson 2.5, Wynn 2.5, Cowsette 2.0, Lott 1.0, Ohalete 1.0, Shade 1.0

Redskins 40.0, Opponents 38.0

t=touchdown

Rod Gardner scored more touchdowns (8) than Coles (5), so the Redskins have a formidable one-two punch. Adding Patrick Johnson from the Jaguars also improves speed, and Cliff Russell, who spent his rookie season on injured reserve, is the fastest player on the team.

Spurrier couldn't resist grabbing smooth Florida receiver Taylor Jacobs in the second round. Darnerian McCants also is in the mix. Tight ends Zeron Flemister and Robert Royal will compete for the starting job.

Defensive line

Grade: C-

Free agents Brandon Noble from the Cowboys and Regan Upshaw from the Raiders will start on a line that lost tackles Daryl Gardener to the Broncos and Carl Powell to the Bengals. Gardener is a tough loss. New defensive coordinator George Edwards, who replaced Marvin Lewis, is trying to convince himself Bruce Smith can still rush the passer.

LaVar Arrington, LB

Renaldo Wynn returns at left end. Veteran Dan Wilkinson ended up on injured reserve and might end up a salary-cap victim. Jermaine Haley signed from Miami. The Redskins can't improve until this unit improves.

Linebackers

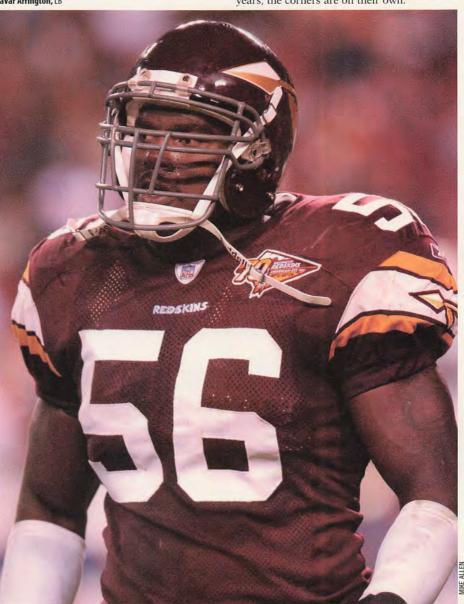
Grade: B

LaVar Arrington is outstanding. Trouble is, he was too often the lone standout because last year's prize acquisitions, Jessie Armstead and Jeremiah Trotter, are on the downside of their careers. Trotter finished on injured reserve. Armstead finished with as many tackles as Arrington, but he's in his 11th season.

Secondary

Grade: B

Cornerback Champ Bailey joined Arrington and Chris Samuels at the Pro Bowl and cornerback Fred Smoot has Pro Bowl ability coming off a subpar year. Without retired Darrell Green around for the first time in 20 years, the corners are on their own.



Stadium Facts

Washington

NFL AVG.

FedEx Field

80,494

66,326

Capacity: 86,484 Turf: Grass

Tickets: (301) 276-6050 Web site: www.redskins.com

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\$68.06	\$6.00	20oz	\$3.00	20oz	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$9.95	\$16.99
\$50.02	\$5.07	180z	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

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2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 4	N.Y. Jets	9:00
Sept. 14	@Atlanta	1:00
Sept. 21	N.Y. Giants	4:05
Sept. 28	New England	1:00
Oct. 5	@Philadelphia	4:15
Oct. 12	Tampa Bay	1:00
Oct. 19	@Buffalo	1:00
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	@Dallas	1:00
Nov. 9	Seattle	1:00
Nov. 16	@Carolina	1:00
Nov. 23	@Miami	8:30
Nov. 30	New Orleans	4:05
Dec.7	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Dec. 14	Dallas	1:00
Dec. 21	@Chicago	1:00
Dec. 27	Philadelphia	8:30

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Patrick Ramsey
FB	Bryan Johnson
RB	Trung Canidate
LT	Chris Samuels
LG	Dave Fiore
C	Larry Moore
RG	Randy Thomas
RT	Jon Jansen
TE	Zeron Flemister
WR	Lavernues Coles
WR	Rod Gardner

DEFENSE

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Pos.	
LE	Renaldo Wynn
LT	Brandon Noble
RT	Jermaine Haley
RE	Regan Upshaw
OLB	LaVar Arrington
MLB	Jeremiah Trotter
OLB	Jessie Armstead
CB	Champ Bailey
CB	Fred Smoot
SS	Matt Bowen
FS	David Terrell

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Bryan Barker
K	John Hall
PR	Chad Morton
KR	Chad Morton

Free safety Matt Bowen came from the Packers for a sixthrounder. He'll replace David Terrell, who will compete with big hitter Ifeanyi Ohalete and Ricot Joseph at strong safety.

Special teams Grade: C-

The Redskins' raid of the Jets included kicker John Hall and, thanks to an arbitrator, kickreturn specialist Chad Morton, thus upgrading an area that was worst in the NFC. Spurrier is still looking for a punter and hopes Bryan Barker is healthy.

Management

Grade: C Snyder gets criticized for

everything except apathy. If he

can stick with Spurrier long enough to see legitimate results, this marriage could work. It's a big if. Spurrier, who added Hue Jackson as his offensive coordinator to help shoulder the workload, is too good a coach to remain below .500.

Bottom line

Unproven quarterback, shaky defensive line, new coordinators, new runners, receivers and blockers leave too many unknowns. But the speed is much better and Snyder is more focused on youth. The Thursday night season opener against the Jets is a match made in feud heaven.



WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Noah Brindise, quarterbacks; DeChon Burns, defensive assistant/special teams; George Catavolos, defensive backs; Ken Clarke, assistant defensive line; Jim Collins, outside linebackers; Bobby Crumpler, assistant strength and conditioning; George Edwards, defensive coordinator; Paul Guenther, offensive assistant/quality control; John Hastings, head strength coach; Kim Helton, offensive line; Lawson Holland, tight ends; John Hunt, assistant offensive line; Hue Jackson, offensive coordinator; Robert Nunn, defensive line; Kirk Olivadotti, assistant defensive backs; Mark Smith, head conditioning coach; Steve Spurrier Jr., wide receivers: Mike Stock, special teams

_	QUARTERBACK	AD	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Johnson, Rob	QB	6-4 6-2	212	03/18/1973	8	Southern Californ
777	Ramsey, Patrick	QB	1450		02/14/1979		Tulane
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
-	Albright, Ethan	(5-7	273	05/01/1971	8	North Carolina
63	Bedell, Brad	T	6-4	299	02/12/1977	2	Colorado
59	Brown, Wilbert	G	6-2	315	05/09/1977	2	Houston
74	Downey, Pat	(6-2	300	06/21/1974	0	New Hampshire
64	Fiore, Dave Friedman, Lennie	G	6-4	290	08/10/1974	5	Hofstra
76	Jansen, Jon	T	6-6	285 306	10/13/1976 01/28/1976	4	Duke Michigan
67	Johnson, Tre'	G	6-5	326	08/30/1971	9	Temple
01	Jones, Rod	T	6-5	325	01/11/1974	6	Kansas
50	Moore, Larry	C	6-2	302	06/01/1975	5	Brigham Young
60	Samuels, Chris	T	6-5	303	07/28/1977	3	Alabama
75	Sulfsted, Alex	T	6-3	320	12/21/1977	1	Miami (OH)
77	Thomas, Randy	G	6-4	301	01/19/1976	4	Mississippi State
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
46	Betts, Ladell	RB	5-10	221	08/27/1979	1	lowa
24	Canidate, Trung	RB	5-11	205	03/03/1977	3	Arizona
40	Cartwright, Rock	RB	5-7	239	12/03/1979	1	Kansas State
38	Gillespie, Robert	RB	5-9	190	11/02/1979	0	Florida
47	Johnson, Bryan	RB	6-1	232	01/18/1978	3	Boise State
26	Morton, Chad	RB	5-8	186	04/04/1977	3	Southern Californ
32	Watson, Kenny	RB	5-11	214	03/13/1978	1	Penn State
#	Coles, Laveranues	WR	HT 5.11	WT	BORN 12/20/1077	EXP.	COLLEGE
84	Doering, Chris	WR	5-11 6-4	196 199	12/29/1977 05/19/1973	3	Florida State Florida
89	Flemister, Zeron	TE	6-4	245	09/08/1976	3	lowa
83	Flowers, Richmond	WR	5-11	192	05/04/1978	0	Chattanooga
87	Gardner, Rod	WR	6-2	217	10/26/1977	2	Clemson
84	Johnson, Patrick	WR	5-10	191	08/10/1976	5	Oregon
85	McCants, Darnerian	WR	6-3	210	08/01/1977	1	Delaware State
38	Royal, Robert	TE	6-5	253	05/15/1979	0	LSU
80	Skaggs, Justin	WR	6-2	200	04/22/1979	1	Evangel
49	Stephens, Leonard	TE	6-3	249	07/09/1978	1	Howard
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	F	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Cowsette, Delbert	DT	6-1	287	09/03/1977	2	Maryland
91							Part Colonia Colonia
94	Haley, Jermaine	DT	6-4	305	02/23/1973	3	Butte
94 73	Haley, Jermaine Jackson, Bernard	DT DE	6-4 6-4	305 281	02/23/1973 05/10/1980	3	Tennessee
94 73 94	Haley, Jermaine Jackson, Bernard Jackson, LaDairis	DT DE DE	6-4 6-4 6-2	305 281 261	02/23/1973 05/10/1980 06/16/1979	3 1 1	Tennessee Oregon State
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94 73 94 74 75	Haley, Jermaine Jackson, LaDairis Lloyd, DeAngelo Noble, Brandon Sayler, Jace Scott, Gregory Smith, Bruce	DT DE DE DE DT DT	6-4 6-4 6-2 6-6 6-2 6-5	305 281 261 280 312 295 258 265	02/23/1973 05/10/1980 06/16/1979 02/08/1978 04/10/1974 02/27/1979 10/02/1979 06/18/1963	3 1 1 0 4 1 1 18	Tennessee Oregon State Tennessee Penn State Michigan State Hampton Virginia Tech
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	2003 DRAFILLS								
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE		
2	12	Jacobs, Taylor	WR	6-1	205	05/30/81	Florida		
3	17	Dockery, Derrick	G	6-6	347	09/07/80	Texas		
7	18	Hamdan, Gibran	QB	6-6	240	02/08/81	Indiana		



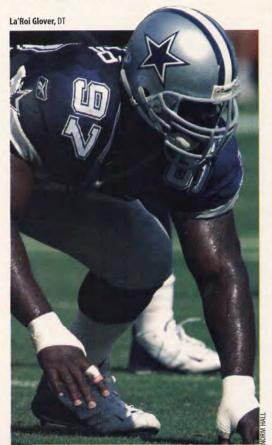
COWBOYS

Tuna and J.J. quite a pairing—but who's going to play QB or fill Emmitt's shoes?

A myriad of backfield questions yet to be answered in 'Big D'

n the strange and volatile alliances Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has fashioned with coaches, this latest reclamation of Bill Parcells is most intriguing.

Both in their 60s, they say they share common interests beyond ego, both hoping for at least one last hurrah. With five of the last 17 Super Bowl titles between them, the arrangement has obvious promise. Since neither has won since 1995, there is also renewed hunger.



Parcells insists he has rekindled his desire: "I'm enthusiastic. I'm energized. Will it beat me down again? Yes. The answer is yes, it will. But until it does, I'm giving it everything I've got."

With trips to New York in weeks two and four to face the Giants and Jets, Parcells will get enough early national television exposure to burn out by midseason.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

The re-signing of left tackle Flozell Adams and acquisition of right tackle Ryan Young from the Texans provides a foundation. Young played for Parcells with the Jets. This enables a recovering Larry Allen to play left guard, where there is none better if he's healthy. Second-year starters Tyson Walter and Andre Gurode can play center, or Gurode can move to right guard. Rookie Al Johnson will compete at center.

The line is crucial because Parcells must find a way to replace premier running back Emmitt Smith as well as provide a solid front for his developing quarterbacks.

Quarterback

Grade: D

Protection for second-year prospect and former minor leaguer Chad Hutchinson is vital before he gets shell shocked and starts longing for a return to the pitcher's mound. Parcells never has shown much patience with young quarterbacks, but Hutchinson will get plenty of opportunity to prove himself, even if the Cowboys add a veteran during the summer.

Quincy Carter still has promise, but Hutchinson would have to flop. Hutchinson, 2-7 in his nine rookie starts, could benefit by the addition of offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon and quarterback coach Sean Payton.

Running backs

Grade: C

Without Smith for the first time since 1989, the Cowboys are in unknown territory. They like the potential and size of Troy Hambrick, but until he displays anything close to Smith's consistency and dependability, the Cowboys are flying blind.

Parcells picked up ex-Jet Richie Anderson as a third-down back. Michael Wiley and former Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler are also possibilities, but Smith's void is huge.

Receivers

Grade: R-

Parcells pulled a surprise by welcoming back Terry Glenn, the draft choice he didn't really want in New England. Glenn, so-so in Green Bay, will push promising second-year man Antonio Bryant



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Richie Anderson, RB

▶Dan Campbell, TE

(NYG)
Terry Glenn, WR
(trade-GB)

►Toby Gowin, P (NO)

▶Ola Kimrin, K

► Donald Mitchell, CB (TEN)

Al Singleton, LB

(TB)

Ryan Young, OT (HOU)

QUOTABLE

"I'm going with the guy that can get this team in the endzone. That's the way I judge them. If they can get it in there, I like them. If they can't, I don't like them."

- Bill Parcells on quarterbacks

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	273.4	30
Rushing	109.6	19
Passing	163.8	31
Scoring	217	31
Punt Returns	8.3	23
Kick Returns	22.4	11
Red Zone TD %	38.5	31
Total Defense	329.2	18
Against Rush	113.6	15
Against Pass	215.6	19
Points Allowed	329	13
Interceptions	19	8t
Sacks	24	31
Turnover Diff.	-4	22
First Downs Total Rush	Pass P	enalty
237 87	129	21

FG

Def.

Poss.

26 9 Touchdowns

Rush

Pass Ret.

COWBOY FACT



Hometown:

Bellaire, Ohio

Birthday: Nov. 20, 1971

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College: Ohio State

NFL Experience: 8 years

Family Ties: Single

Bet you didn't know that ... Joey was an All-Ohio choice in basketball and lettered in track at Bellaire (Ohio) High.

JOEY GALLOWAY

2002 FINAL STATS Won 5, Lost 11

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	10-19	at Houston
09/15	W	21-13	Tennessee
09/22	L	13-44	at Philadelphia
09/29	W	13-10	at St. Louis
10/06	L	17-21	New York Giants
10/13	W	14-13	Carolina
10/20	L	6-9 (OT)	at Arizona
10/27	L	14-17	Seattle
11/03	L	7-9	at Detroit
11/17	L	3-20	at Indianapolis
11/24	W	21-19	Jacksonville
11/28	W	27-20	Washington
12/08	L	27-31	San Francisco
12/15	L	7-37	at New York Giants
12/21	L	3-27	Philadelphia
12/29	L	14-20	at Washington

Cowboys	423	1754	4.1	46t	7
Knorr	1	-10	-10.0	-10	0
Scott	1	14	14.0	14	0
Swinton	1	23	23.0	23	0
Thomas	10	31	3.1	14	0
Galloway	4	31	7.8	21	0
Bryant	6	40	6.7	24	0
Hutchinson	18	74	4.1	18	0
Carter	27	91	3.4	16	0
Wiley	22	168	7.6	46t	1
Hambrick	79	317	4.0	18	1
Smith	254	975	3.8	30t	5
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD

Opponents 481

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Galloway	61	908	14.9	80t	6
Bryant	44	733	16.7	78t	6
McGee	23	294	12.8	58	1
Scott	22	218	9.9	17t	1
Hambrick	21	99	4.7	14	0
Whalen	17	152	8.9	33	0
Smith	16	89	5.6	17	0
Rambo	14	211	15.1	47	0
Wiley	13	144	11.1	31	0
Thomas	12	80	6.7	23	0
Swinton	7	63	9.0	16	0
Lucky	1	22	22.0	22	0
McKie	1	7	7.0	7	0
Cowboys	252	3020	12.0	80t	14
Opponents	334	3586	10.7	65t	22

ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
250	127	1555	7	8
221	125	1465	7	8
471	252	3020	14	16
574	334	3586	22	19
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Ellis 7.5, Glover 6.5, Dixon 2.0, Hardy 2.0, Williams 2.0, Coakley 1.0, Ekuban 1.0, Myers 1.0, Nguyen 1.0

Cowboys 24.0, Opponents 54.0

t=touchdown

opposite Joey Galloway. Ken-Yon Rambo has a chance to play as well.

Dan Campbell was signed from the Giants for more blocking at tight end. Tony McGee, more of a receiver, will back up Campbell along with third-round draft pick Jason Witten.

Nefensive line Grade: C

Parcells is accustomed to big linemen and linebackers and has neither, so he must rely on holdover defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer to continue the progress he made under ex-head coach Dave Campo.

End Greg Ellis and quick, undersized tackle La'Roi Glover are the linchpins of the front. Losing Brandon Noble to Washington hurts, and Parcells will use all his wiles to extract more potential out of end Ebenezer Ekuban. John Nix is Noble's replacement. Michael Myers is a veteran backup.

Linebackers Grade: B

This is the strength of the defense, led by Dexter Coakley and Dat Nguyen. They'll be joined by newcomer Al Singleton, who was signed from Tampa Bay to replace departed Kevin Hardy. Nguyen returns from a broken wrist. Coakley is the playmaker, leading the

Dexter Coakley, LB

team in tackles. With one more return for a touchdown, Coakley will set the club record.

Singleton was an unsung cog in Tampa's defense and should be a capable stand-in for Hardy. Markus Steele got plenty of experience in the middle subbing for Nguyen. Bradie James joins as a fourth-rounder out of LSU.

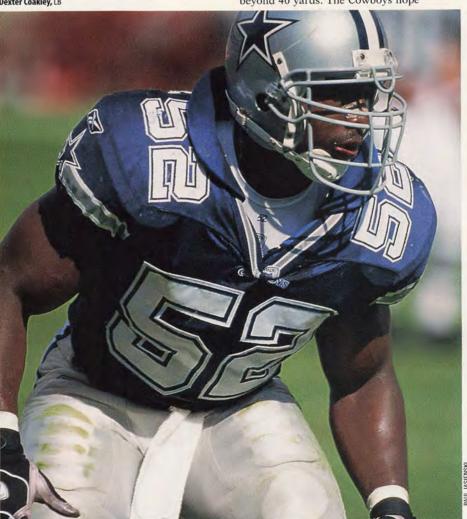
Secondary Grade: B

This group has excellent potential with three returning second-year starters-free safety Roy Williams and cornerbacks Derek Ross and Pete Hunter. Top draft choice Terence Newman has the talent to start from day one, leaving Ross and Hunter to compete on the other side.

Veteran strong safety Darren Woodson is back, and the addition of nickel cornerback Donald Mitchell from Tennessee to join Mario Edwards and safety Tony Dixon gives the Cowboys depth.

Special teams Grade: C

After three years in New Orleans, Toby Gowin has returned to upgrade the punting. He was with Dallas for his first three years. As a rookie, placekicker Bill Cundiff was below average, missing five of nine attempts beyond 40 yards. The Cowboys hope



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NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

	All Times Eastern
Opponent	Time
Atlanta	4:15
@N.Y. Giants	9:00
OPEN DATE	
@N.Y. Jets	4:15
Arizona	1:00
Philadelphia	1:00
@Detroit	1:00
@Tampa Bay	1:00
Washington	1:00
Buffalo	4:15
@New England	8:30
Carolina	1:00
Miami	4:05
@Philadelphia	1:00
@Washington	1:00
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@New Orleans	1:00
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Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Chad Hutchinson
Dan Campbell
Troy Hambrick
Flozell Adams
Larry Allen
Al Johnson
Andre Gurode
Ryan Young
Tony McGee
Joey Galloway
Antonio Bryant

DEFENSE

Pos.	
LE	Greg Ellis
LT	La'Roi Glover
RT	John Nix
RE	Ebenezer Ekuban
OLB	Al Singleton
MLB	Dat Nguyen
OLB	Dexter Coakley
CB	Derek Ross
CB	Terence Newman
SS	Darren Woodson
FS	Roy Williams

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos	
P	Toby Gowin
K	Bill Cundiff
PR	Reggie Swinton
KR	Woodrow Dantz

Reggie Swinton can return to his 2001 form, when he finished among the top 10 in the league in kickoff and punt returns. Dantzler will help on kickoffs. Newman can return punts and so can sixth-round receiver Zuriel Smith.

Management Grade: B+

If Parcells can turn around the Cowboys as quickly as he turned around the Giants. Patriots and Jets, he just might drag Jones into the Hall of Fame with him. After three years away, Parcells will be facing some players who never heard of him. But the game never passes up his kind of coaching

style, which focuses on squeezing every ounce of potential out of every player.

Bottom line

The Cowboys quietly addressed seven different positions in free agency and trades before the draft without breaking their bank. All the newcomers are expected to start or contribute heavily.

The Cowbovs lost four games by less than a touchdown and won three by less than a touchdown last season. Better coaching can help win more close ones, but with big questions remaining at quarterback and running back,

Parcells will earn his paycheck.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Maurice Carthon, offensive coordinator; Gary Gibbs, linebackers; Steve Hoffman, kickers/defensive quality control; Jim Jeffcoat, defensive ends; Joe Juraszek, strength and conditioning; Mike Zimmer, defensive coordinator; Sean Payton, assistant head coach/guarterbacks; Bruce DeHaven, special teams; George Warhop, offensive line; Tony Sparano, tight ends; John McNulty, wide receivers; Kacy Rodgers, defensive tackles; David Lee, offensive assistant/quality control; Mike MacIntyre, assistant secondary

17	QUARTERBACK Carter, Quincy	QB	HT 6-2	WT 213	BORN 10/13/1077	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Hutchinson, Chad	QB	6-5	213	10/13/1977 02/21/1977	2	Georgia Stanford
5	Stoerner, Clint	QB	6-2	225	12/29/1977	2	Arkansas
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#	OFFENSIVE LINE	T.	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
76 73	Adams, Flozell	G	6-7	357	05/18/1975	5	Michigan State
70	Allen, Larry Collins, Javiar	T	6-3 6-6	335 322	11/27/1971 04/13/1978	1	Sonoma State Northwestern
58	Grau, Jeff	Ċ	6-3	257	12/16/1979	1	UCLA
65	Gurode, Andre	G	6-4	326	03/06/1978	1	Colorado
68	Lehr, Matt	G	6-2	304	04/25/1979	2	Virginia Tech
79	McFadden, Marques	G	6-4	317	09/12/1978	1	Arizona
69	Tucker, Ross	T	6-4	316	03/02/1979	2	Princeton
78	Vollers, Kurt	G	6-7	317	04/04/1979	1	Notre Dame
71	Walter, Tyson	T	6-5	310	03/17/1978	1	Ohio State
74	Young, Ryan	T	6-5	320	06/28/1976	4	Kansas State
#	RUNNING BACKS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Anderson, Richie	RB	6-2	230	09/13/1971	10	Penn State
31	Cason, Aveion	RB	5-10	204	07/12/1977	2	Illinois State
29	Dantzler, Woodrow	RB	5-10	209	10/04/1979	1	Clemson
42	Hambrick, Troy	RB	6-1	233	11/06/1976	3	Savannah State
34	Martin, Jamar	RB	5-11	245	04/12/1980	0	Ohio State
35	McKie, Jason	RB	5-11	239	05/22/1980	1	Temple
32	Wiley, Michael	RB	5-11	203	01/05/1978	3	Ohio State
#	RECEIVERS	15.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
88	Bryant, Antonio	WR	6-1	192	03/09/1981	1	Pittsburgh
	Campbell, Daniel	TE	6-5	263	04/13/1976	4	Texas A&M
84	Galloway, Joey	WR	5-11	197	11/20/1971	8	Ohio State
	Glenn, Terry	WR	5-11	195	07/23/1974	7	Ohio State
82	McGee, Tony	TE	6-4	241	04/21/1971	10	Michigan
87	Rambo, Ken-Yon	WR	6-1	195	10/04/1978	2	Ohio State
	Robinson, Jeff	TE	6-4	264	02/20/1970	9	Idaho
80	Slowikowski, Bob	TE	6-5	255	10/30/1979	0	Virginia Tech
83	Swinton, Reggie Whalen, James	WR TE	6-1 6-2	186	07/24/1975	2	Murray State
89	Williams, Randal	WR	6-3	244 220	12/11/1977 05/21/1978	2	Kentucky New Hampshire
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99	DEFENSIVE LINE	DT	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Blade, Willie Ekuban, Ebenezer	DT DE	6-3 6-3	332 265	02/07/1979	0	Mississippi State
98	Ellis, Greq	DE	6-6	275	05/29/1976 08/14/1975	5	North Carolina North Carolina
92	Evans, Demetric	DE	6-3	293	09/03/1979	2	Georgia
97	Glover, La'Roi	DT	6-2	285	07/04/1974	7	San Diego State
90	Moore, Ron	DT	6-2	326	08/10/1977	1	N.W. Oklahoma Stat
94	Myers, Michael	DL	6-2	288	01/20/1976	5	Alabama
60	Nix, John	DT	6-1	313	11/24/1976	2	Southern Mississipp
64	Stewart, Daleroy	DT	6-4	327	11/02/1978	0	Southern Mississipp
95	Weatherington, Colsto	n DE	6-5	289	10/29/1977	1	Central Missouri Sta
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Davis, Keith	S	5-10	193	12/30/1978	1	Sam Houston State
24	Dixon, Tony	S	6-1	213	06/18/1979	2	Alabama
27	Edwards, Mario	CB	6-1	199	12/01/1975	3	Florida State
47	Hunter, Pete	CB	6-2	212	05/25/1980	1	Virginia Union
30	Mitchell, Donald	CB	5-10	182	12/14/1976	3	Southern Methodist
20	Ross, Derek	CB	5-10	197	01/05/1980	1	Ohio State
21	Scott, Lynn	5	6-1	221	06/23/1977	2	N.W. Oklahoma Stat
31	Williams, Roy	S	6-1	235	08/14/1980	1	Oklahoma
28	Woodson, Darren	5	6-1	219	04/25/1969	11	Arizona State
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
50	Brooks, Jamal	LB	6-2	245	11/09/1976	1	Hampton
52	Coakley, Dexter	LB	5-10	236	10/20/1972	6	Appalachian State
	Hawkes, Michael	LB	6-1	228	04/11/1977	2	Virginia Tech
57	Mackey, Louis	LB	6-1	225	12/29/1977	2	Akron
59	Nguyen, Dat	LB	5-11	243	09/25/1975	4	Texas A&M
	Singleton, Al	LB	6-2	228	08/07/1975	6	Temple
51	STOOLO Markus	LB	6-3	240	07/24/1979	2	Southern California
51	Steele, Markus		HW	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
51 55	KICKERS		HT				
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Newman, Terence

Johnson, Al

Witten, Jason

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NFG North Best

Bears, Vikings prepared to make things tougher on Packers, who should be up to the challenge

By Don Pierson, Chicago Tribune

he Packers dominated the division last year partly because they didn't have much resistance. The Vikings and Lions "improved" by only one game each from 2001 and the Bears retreated from 13-3 to 4-12.

With the Buccaneers relocated to the NFC South just in time, the Packers enjoyed a six-game edge on their closest rivals, by far the widest margin in the league.

The gap figures to narrow because the Packers are struggling to hold off attrition and the others are picking up the chase. But the Packers remain the consensus pick after back-to-back 12-4 seasons.





GREEN BAY PACKERS

Brett Favre remains the biggest differencemaker in the division. Put him on any of the other three teams and they might become instant favorites rather than doormats.

Coach Mike Sherman knows he won't have his quarterback forever. He also knows—or at least guesses—that his team won't suffer the devastating number of injuries it had to overcome last year. The law of averages just won't allow it. Healthy, the Packers believe they have enough talent to improve from within.

Home games against Minnesota and Detroit to start, followed by road trips to Arizona and Chicago, give the Packers a chance to jump ahead again.





CHICAGO BEARS

The real Bears have yet to show up for coach Dick Jauron. Once again, his back is against the wall. Last time it resulted in the surprising 13-3 record.

The drop to 4-12 could be blamed on a combination of injuries and 16 away games while Soldier Field was undergoing renovation. But it is also possible the

Bears were never really as good as 13-3. Try telling that to linebacker Brian Urlacher, around whom any team would like to build its defense.

Quarterback Kordell Stewart is the most visible newcomer in the division. He needed to get out of Pittsburgh, but Chicago fans won't offer a much bigger comfort zone. He'll also have rookie Rex Grossman, the division's latest No. 1 quarterback, looking over his shoulder.



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

If momentum carries over, coach Mike Tice will start his season on a roll. The Vikings won their last three and look forward to opening this season against the Packers, Bears and Lions in the first three weeks. If they are to be a factor in the race, they could find out early.

Daunte Culpepper and Randy Moss are the most feared passing combination in the division and could get even better if Culpepper can eliminate mistakes. Defensive improvement would help and new coordinator George O'Leary is ready to make a difference.



DETROIT LIONS

Joey Harrington and Charles Rogers represent the future of feared passing combinations. At least that's the plan of new coach Steve Mariucci, who knows all about such things.

After winning only five games in two seasons, the Lions have nowhere to go but up. If either the offense or defense can play as well as the special teams, they have a chance.

Mariucci returns to his home state, where he will likely find more appreciation than he found in San Francisco, especially if he wins as regularly as he did there.

Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Brett Favre, QB, Green Bay

Even after disappointing losses in his last two playoff games, there is nobody else a coach would like to have on his side.

RUSHER:

Michael Bennett, RB, Minnesota

Ahman Green may mean more to the Packer attack, but Bennett's numbers were superior.

RECEIVER:

Randy Moss, WR, Minnesota

Everybody knows it's coming and he still caught 106 passes.

TACKLER:

Brian Urlacher, LB, Chicago

Truly a sideline-to-sideline roamer, Bears had him in on 214 tackles, including 159 solos. Nobody else in the division was close.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Jeff Gooch, LB, Detroit

Seems like he was in on every special-teams play.

TEAMMATE:

Mike Flanagan, C, Green Bay

Center unselfishly moved to left tackle in emergency, made no excuses.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Brett Favre, QB, Green Bay

Still the locker-room jokester after all these years.

INTELLECT:

Matt Birk, C, Minnesota

The center from Harvard with economics degree is smart enough to beat the stock market.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Mike Sherman, head coach, Green Bay

Chasing Warren Sapp revealed judgement lapse; otherwise, the record speaks.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Mark Hatley, VP/football operations, Green Bay

He acquired most of the Bears and is now working on the Packers.

























































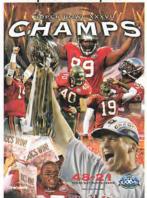
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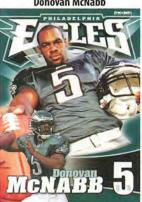
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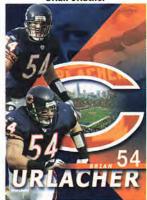




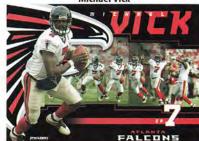
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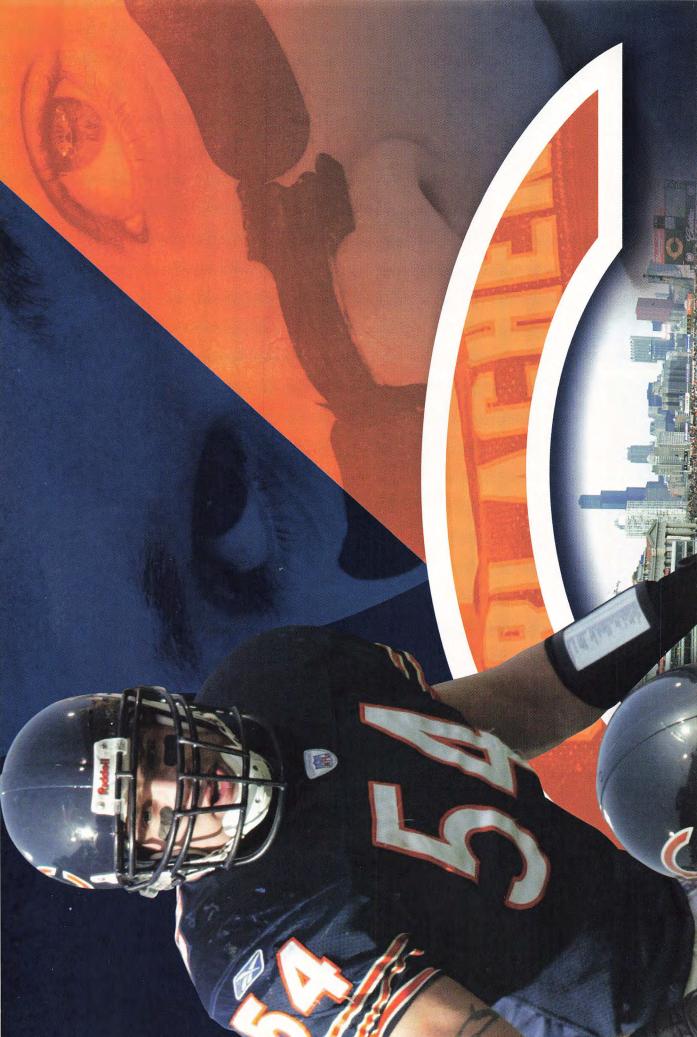
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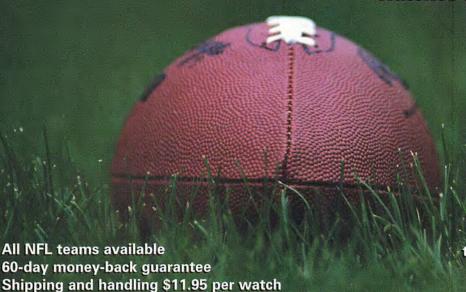
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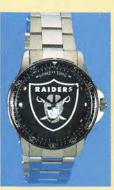
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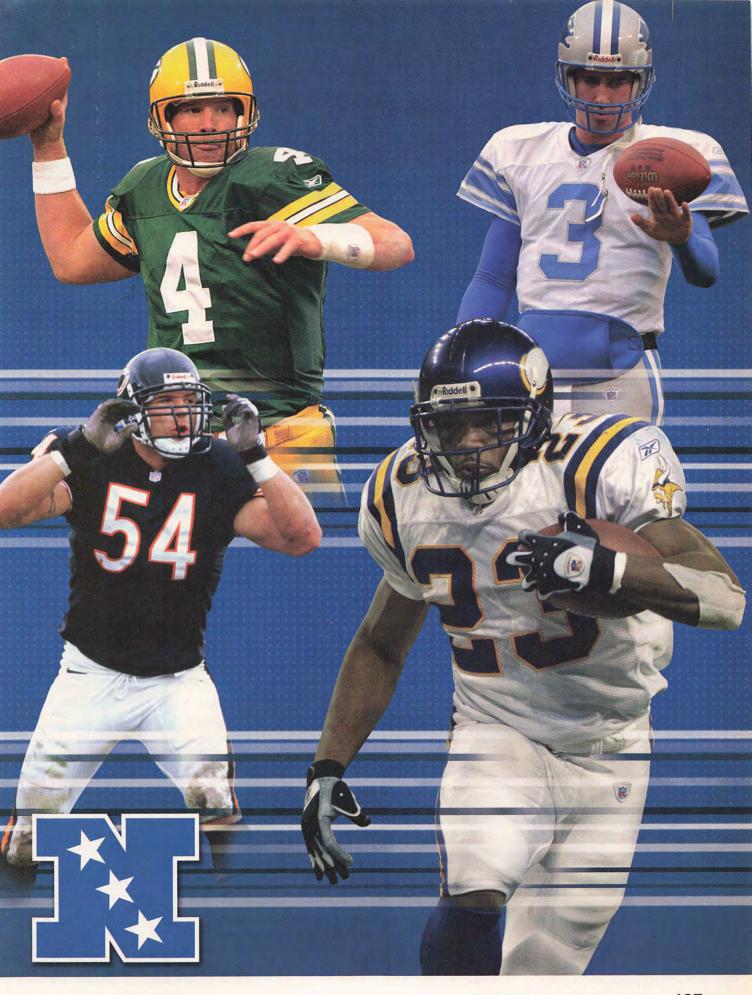






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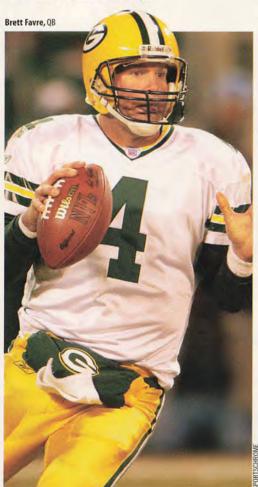


GREEN BAY PACKFR

Sherman's march in North will depend on how 'Favre' ageless QB Brett can take him

But injury bug unlikely to bite as hard as it did in '02

hen last seen, the Packers were reeling. At the end of an otherwise successful 12-4 regular season, they got ousted from the playoffs by Atlanta, losing their first-ever postseason game at Lambeau Field. A week earlier, they had been demolished by the New York Jets in a game that would have earned them a bye.



Injuries decimated coach Mike Sherman's team. Now, he must try to remind his players to remember how good they really are. Solid evidence: They led the league in takeaways and tied Tampa Bay in turnover ratio.

Staying ahead in the NFC North will get tougher. They can't expect all three division rivals to stay losers.

Offensive line

Grade: R

Season-ending injuries to starting tackles Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher was the beginning of the end. Clifton must still prove he can shake the effects of a dislocated pelvis suffered in the controversial blindside block by Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp. Tauscher is coming off major knee surgery.

Center Mike Flanagan proved his value by moving to left tackle in place of Clifton. Guards Mike Wahle and Marco Rivera return along with backups Earl Dotson, Frank Winters and Kevin Barry-all starters by the end of last season. Additions Grey Ruegamer from the Patriots and David Brandt from the Redskins join Bill Ferrario and rookie Brennan Curtin.

Quarterback

Grade: A

Ironman Brett Favre will be starting his 12th season without missing a game, an unprecedented streak at the quarterback position. Except in occasional off-the-cuff conversations regarding retirement, Favre reveals little evidence of slowing down. He will be 34 in October and still believes his strong arm has no match.

Unable to add a rookie heir apparent in the draft, the Packers will go with veteran Doug Pederson and Craig Nall as backups. Nall has the size and arm to warrant consideration.

Running backs

Grade: A-

Ahman Green's average dipped to a career-low 4.3 yards per carry, still above the league norm but indicative of wear and tear caused by offensive line woes and inevitable age. The Packers will continue to spell him and hope second-year prospect Najeh Davenport can stay healthy. Tony Fisher also showed promise as a rookie fill-in.

Nick Luchey was signed from the Bengals to provide solid and unsung fullback William Henderson help as well as competition.

Receivers

Grade: B-

PACKER FACT

A new cast required adjustment by Favre last season and resulted in the emergence of Donald Driver as the go-to guy. Terry Glenn was traded to Dallas after a one-year stint because Driver made him superfluous.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

David Brandt, OL (trade-WAS)

Martin Dossett, WR

Al Harris, S (trade-PHI)

Nick Luchey, RB (UFA-CIN)

Kenyatta Morgan, WR

Hannibal Navies, LB (UFA-CAR)

Chukie Nwokorie, DE

(UFA-IND) **Everick Rawls, LB**

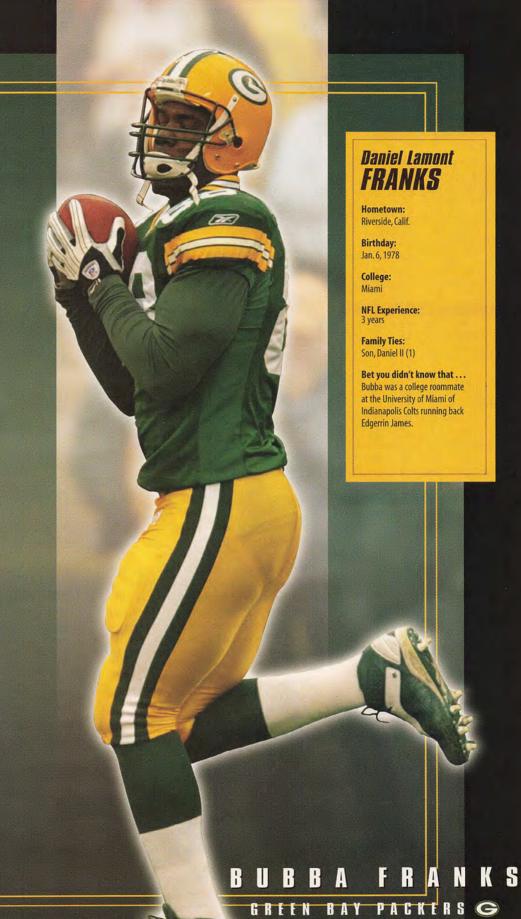
Grey Ruegamer, OL (UFA-NE)

Gari Scott, WR-KR (PHI)

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	347.5	12
Rushing	120.8	12
Passing	226.7	10
Scoring	398	6
Punt Returns	4.2	32
Kick Returns	20.4	26
Red Zone TD %	52.6	18
Total Defense	311.6	12
Against Rush	124.9	21
Against Pass	186.7	3
Points Allowed	328	12
Interceptions	24	3t
Sacks	43	8
Turnover Diff.	+17	1t

First Downs
Total Rush Pass Penalty 318 94 Red Zone Offense FG 57 275 22 Touchdowns Rush Pass Ret. Def.



2002 FINAL STATS Won 12, Lost 4

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	37-34 (OT)	Atlanta
		200	
09/15	L	20-35	at New Orleans
09/22	W	37-31	at Detroit
09/29	W	17-14	Carolina
10/07	W	34-21	at Chicago
10/13	W	28-10	at New England
10/20	W	30-9	Washington
11/04	W	24-10	Miami
11/10	W	40-14	Detroit
11/17	L	21-31	at Minnesota
11/24	L	7-21	at Tampa Bay
12/01	W	30-20	Chicago
12/08	W	26-22	Minnesota
12/15	W	20-14	at San Francisco
12/22	W	10-0	Buffalo
12/29	1	17-42	New York Jets

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Green	286	1240	4.3	43	7
Fisher	70	283	4.0	28	2
Davenport	39	184	4.7	43	1
Favre	25	73	2.9	17	0
Driver	8	70	8.8	17	0
Mealey	11	36	3.3	18	1
Henderson	7	27	3.9	10	1
Walker	1	11	11.0	11	0
Metcalf	2	7	3.5	5	0
Packers	451	1933	4.3	43	12
Opponents	413	1998	4.8	62	14

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Driver	70	1064	15.2	85t	9
Green	57	393	6.9	23t	-2
Glenn	56	817	14.6	49	2
Franks	54	442	8.2	20t	7
Henderson	26	168	6.5	17	3
Walker	23	319	13.9	30	1
Ferguson	22	293	13.3	40t	3
Fisher	18	70	3.9	11	0
Davis	9	107	11.9	24	1
Martin	8	33	4.1	7	1
Mealey	7	45	6.4	11	0
Davenport	5	33	6.6	13	0
Bailey	3	26	8.7	10	0
Packers	361	3823	10.6	85t	29
Opponents	287	3228	11.2	64t	24

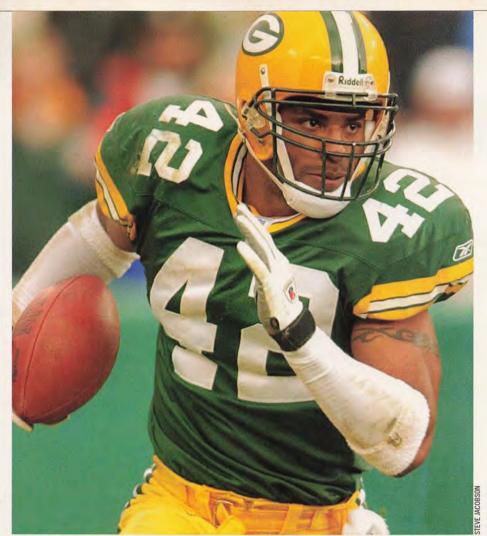
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Favre	551	341	3658	27	16
Pederson	28	19	134	1	0
Franks	1	1	31	1	0
Packers	580	361	3823	29	16
Opponents	531	287	3228	24	24

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Gbaja-Biamila 12.0, Holliday 6.0, Hunt 5.5, Diggs 3.0, Wayne 2.5, Johnson 2.0, Lyon 2.0, Nickerson 1.5, Edwards 1.0, McKenzie 1.0, Reynolds 1.0, Warren 1.0, Williams 1.0, Kampman 0.5

Packers 43.0, Opponents 27.0

t=touchdown



Darren Sharper, FS

Sherman expects third-year man Robert Ferguson to continue his development and second-year talent Javon Walker to break out and be complements to Driver. Karsten Bailey also returns and the Packers signed Gari Scott from the Eagles and drafted two prospects late, DeAndrew Rubin and Carl Ford.

Bubba Franks is a huge target for Favre at tight end. He's backed by David Martin and Tyrone Davis.

Defensive line Grade: B-

This unit is depending heavily on the ability of end Joe Johnson to return from surgery on a torn triceps and move to the left side to replace departed Vonnie Holliday. Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila signed a huge contract to remain the primary pass rusher. His lack of bulk will continue to challenge him against the run. Aaron Kampman showed promise as a rookie fill-in at end and Chukie Nwokorie was added from the Colts. There is still hope for former No. 1 draft choice Jamal Reynolds.

The Packers also retained tackle Cletidus Hunt, an emerging force in the middle, but need to replace Gilbert Brown. Rod Walker and Steve Warren return, but utility player Billy Lyon signed with the Vikings, so the Packers welcome third-round draft choice Kenny Peterson and fifth-rounder James Lee.

Linebackers Grade: C-

After letting veteran middle linebacker Hardy Nickerson go and cutting weakside starter Nate Wayne, the Packers need to retool this area. They signed career backup and injury-challenged Hannibal Navies from the Panthers and retained strongside starter Na'il Diggs by matching Detroit's offer sheet.

They made Oregon State's undersized Nick Barnett their surprise first-round draft pick. A former safety, Barnett has the ability to play either outside spot. He'll have a chance to start right away, with holdovers Torrance Marshall and Paris Lenon and fifth-rounder Hunter Hillenmeyer also in the picture.

Secondary Grade: B-

The Packers traded a second-round draft choice to the Eagles to land top nickel corner-back Al Harris, who will replace departed Tyrone Williams opposite Mike McKenzie in the starting lineup. Bryant Westbrook and Bhawoh Jue also return.

Darren Sharper is a Pro Bowl free safety and Marques Anderson showed early promise at strong safety after a broken arm sidelined

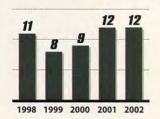
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FIVE-YEAR **VS** TREND



		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	Minnesota	1:00
Sept. 14	Detroit	1:00
Sept. 21	@Arizona	4:05
Sept. 29	@Chicago	9:00
Oct. 5	Seattle	1:00
Oct. 12	Kansas City	1:00
Oct. 19	@St. Louis	1:00
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	@Minnesota	8:30
Nov. 10	Philadelphia	9:00
Nov. 16	@Tampa Bay	4:15
Nov. 23	San Francisco	1:00
Nov. 27	@Detroit	12:30
Dec.7	Chicago	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENCE

UF	PENSE
Pos.	
QB	Brett Favre
FB	William Henderson
RB	Ahman Green
LT	Chad Clifton
LG	Mike Wahle
C	Mike Flanagan
RG	Marco Rivera
RT	Mark Tauscher
TE	Bubba Franks
WR	Donald Driver
WR	Javon Walker

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Joe Johnson
LT	Rod Walker
RT	Cletidus Hunt
RE	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila
OLB	Na'il Diggs
MLB	Hannibal Navies
OLB	Nick Barnett
CB	Mike McKenzie
CB	Al Harris
SS	Antuan Edwards
FS	Darren Sharper

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Ryan Longwell
P	Josh Bidwell
KR	DeAndrew Rubin
PR	DeAndrew Rubin

Antuan Edwards. Losing Matt Bowen to the Redskins cost depth.

@San Diego

@Oakland

Denver

Dec. 14

Dec. 22

Dec. 28

Special teams Grade: C

The Packers are a middle-ofthe-pack special-teams unit. The rookie Rubin will get first shot at returning kicks. Ryan Longwell finished in the top half of league placekickers, Josh Bidwell ranked in the middle among punters.

Management Grade: B+

Except for postseason success, back-to-back 12-4 seasons show Sherman has handled his dual role as coach/general manager as well as anybody during his two years on the jobs. His challenge is to upgrade around

Favre in the short time Favre has left to return this team to a Super Bowl.

Bottom line

Holding on to Biamila and Diggs and adding Harris were necessary moves. So was drafting Barnett No. 1. But if the Packers improve, they expect to do it from within.

The sense of urgency increases as Favre ages. Green Bay went to Super Bowls in 1996 and 1997, which are beginning to seem like a long time ago. Unless players other than Favre step up with big-time efforts, the Packers are likely to be sitting on the sidelines again.

9:00

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

Mike Sherman, head coach

Larry Beightol, offensive line; Darrell Bevell, quarterbacks; Sylvester Croom, running backs; Ed Donatell, defensive coordinator; Stan Drayton, quality control/special teams/offense; Jethro Franklin, defensive line; Jeff Jagodzinski, tight ends; Brad Miller, assistant defensive line; Frank Novak, special teams consultant; Mark Duffner, linebackers; Tom Rossley, offensive coordinator; Barry Rubin, strength and conditioning; Ray Sherman, wide receivers; Bob Slowik, assistant head coach/defensive backs; Lionel Washington, assistant defensive backs; John Bonamego, special teams

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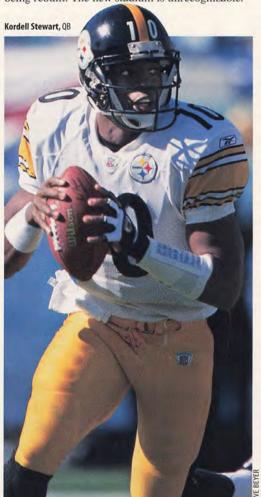
CHICAGO REARS

Upon return to Soldier, Bears hope to bounce back with a 'Slash'

Ex-Steeler Stewart holds keys to Jauron's future in Chicago

rom 13-3 to 4-12 was a plunge that baffled the Bears in spite of a spate of injuries. Things went so wrong so fast that the veracity of their 13-3 success in 2001 was called into question. Must have been pure luck.

If so, then 4-12 had its elements of bad luck, including 16 road games while Soldier Field was being rebuilt. The new stadium is unrecognizable.



As they return home, the 2003 Bears also hope to bear no resemblance to the last edition.

Kordell Stewart has a renewal plan, too. Beleaguered in Pittsburgh and subjected to five different offensive coordinators in eight seasons, the quarterback is banking on new scenery and a sixth coordinator to rejuvenate his career.

Offensive line

A unit that started every game in 2001 came unglued in 2002 and needs to be rebuilt. With veteran right tackle James Williams released and last year's No. 1 pick, Marc Colombo, coming off knee surgery, the tackle position is in flux. Former guard Mike Gandy is filling in on the left side, where Colombo is expected to eventually land.

Left guard Rex Tucker is coming off ankle surgery. Pro Bowl center Olin Kreutz and right guard Chris Villarrial return. Bernard Robertson, Terrence Metcalf and Aaron Gibson (no longer 400 pounds?) back up.

Quarterback

Grade: B-

As inconsistent as Stewart's resume would appear, he did quarterback the Steelers into two AFC title games. Durability sets him apart from recent Bears at the position. If he can start 16 games, he will be an automatic improvement. The key is whether coach Dick Jauron and offensive coordinator John Shoop can adapt their conservative tendencies to Stewart's unconventional style.

Veteran Chris Chandler is still capable of occasional appearances. Drafting Rex Grossman in the first round was a good move unless he makes Stewart too nervous to perform.

Running backs

Grade: B-

Anthony Thomas followed a Rookie-of-the-Year debut with a disappointing sophomore season, thanks in part to instability in the line. Jauron hasn't given up, although Thomas averaged a paltry 3.4 yards per carry in 2002 and finished on injured reserve with a broken finger.

Losing utility back Leon Johnson to the Rams means second-year prospect Adrian Peterson will have to step up. Daimon Shelton and Stanley Pritchett share the fullback duties.

Receivers

Marty Booker is one of the league's most productive receivers. Unlike his team, he was consistent the last two years, catching 97 passes following his 100-catch season. He will provide Stewart with a steady presence.

The return of third-year talent David Terrell from a broken foot is crucial. He is expected to move Dez White into a third-receiver role. Ahmad Merritt



OFFSEASON **ADDITIONS**

Desmond Clark, TE

Kordell Stewart, QB (PIT)

QUOTABLE

"If you're right on the quarterback, he'll probably do something in his second year. And when you're looking around the league, the veteran obviously is the safest route to go. We're going to look and explore in all areas, but we'll start with that one first. ... We just don't want to get anybody. He's got to be the right guy and we're doing our homework...."

> -Bears GM Jerry Angelo's thoughts on quarterbacks

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	274.7	29
Rushing	84.0	32
Passing	190.7	24
Scoring	281	27
Punt Returns	9.4	18
Kick Returns	21.2	18
Red Zone TD %	57.5	8
Total Defense	350.4	25
Against Rush	129.8	26
Against Pass	220.6	24
Points Allowed	379	25
Interceptions	9	30t
Sacks	35	20
Turnover Diff.	-7	23t

Total Rush Pass Penalty 260 79 156 Red Zone Offense FG 184 8 Touchdowns

Pass Def.

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BEAR FACT

Anthony **THOMAS**

Hometown: Winnfield, La.

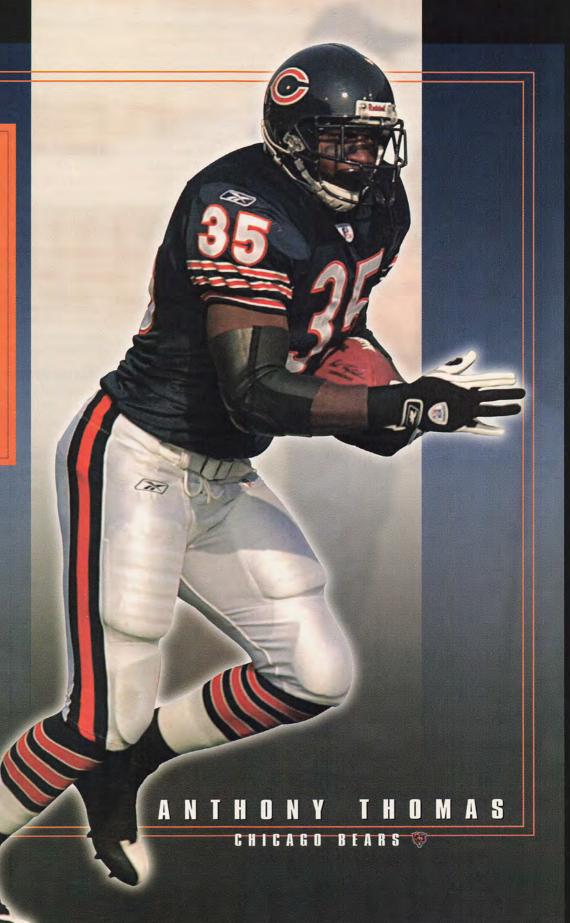
Birthday: Nov. 1, 1977

College: Michigan

NFL Experience: 3 years

Family Ties: Anthony and his wife, Hayley, have a daughter, Alexis.

Bet you didn't know that ... Anthony was the starting placekicker for four years at Winnfield (La.) High School.



2002 FINAL STATS Won 4, Lost 12

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	27-23	Minnesota
09/15	W	14-13	at Atlanta
09/22	L	23-29	New Orleans
09/29	L	27-33 (OT)	at Buffalo
10/07	L	21-34	Green Bay
10/20	L	20-23 (OT)	at Detroit
10/27	L	7-25	at Minnesota
11/03	L	13-19	Philadelphia
11/10	L	30-33	New England
11/18	L	16-21	at St. Louis
11/24	W	20-17 (OT)	Detroit
12/01	L	20-30	at Green Bay
12/09	L	9-27	at Miami
12/15	W	20-13	New York Jets
12/22	L	14-24	at Carolina
12/29	L	0-15	Tampa Bay

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Thomas	214	721	3.4	34	6
Johnson	103	329	3.2	23	1
Burris	15	104	6.9	17	0
Peterson	19	101	5.3	14	1
Chandler	10	32	3.2	14	0
Maynard	1	20	20.0	20	0
White	3	11	3.7	21	0
Miller	13	11	0.8	5	0
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Bears	382	1344	3.5	34	8
Opponents	504	2076	4.1	63t	13

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Booker	97	1183	12.2	54	6
White	51	656	12.9	76t	4
Thomas	24	163	6.8	19	0
Robinson	21	244	11.6	45t	3
Davis	20	193	9.7	37	3
Pritchett	19	165	8.7	24	1
Johnson	16	125	7.8	31	0
Lyman	14	121	8.6	21	2
Merritt	14	106	7.6	25	0
Gilmore	10	130	13.0	30	0
Terrell	9	127	14.1	52	3
Shelton	7	34	4.9	8	0
Baxter	5	51	10.2	22	0
Peterson	3	18	6.0	16	0
Bears	310	3316	10.7	76t	22
Opponents	335	3782	11.3	85t	24

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Miller	314	180	1944	13	9
Chandler	161	103	1023	4	4
Burris	51	18	207	3	5
Sauter	9	6	59	0	0
Bears	543	310	3316	22	18
Opponents	547	335	3782	24	9

Colvin 10.5, Daniels 5.0, Urlacher 5.0, Caldwell 3.0, Brown 2.5, Boone 2.0, Knight 1.5, Azumah 1.0, Green 1.0, Robinson 1.0, Traylor 1.0, Tafoya 0.5

Bears 35.0, Opponents 44.0

t=touchdown

is the fourth receiver, but the Bears drafted two prospects in fifth-rounders Bobby Wade and Justin Gage who expect to compete.

Tight end Desmond Clark was signed from the Dolphins to push John Gilmore and John Davis for the starting job.

Defensive line Grade: B

The return of 365-pound Ted Washington from a foot injury would give defensive coordinator Greg Blache's unit the same huge push in the middle that Washington and Keith Traylor provided in 2001. But Washington is 35 and Traylor 33.

Bryan Robinson and Alfonso Boone join midround University of Florida rookies Ian Scott and Tron LaFavor in the middle. Outside, first-round pick Michael Haynes is expected to join a rotation including Phillip Daniels and secondyear man Alex Brown, another ex-Gator.

Linebackers Grade: A-

Middle linebacker Brian Urlacher's speed and ability to rush, cover and tackle are the envy of the league. The big tackles help keep blockers away, and Urlacher could also help make up for the loss of top sacker Rosevelt Colvin

Brian Urlacher, LB

to the Patriots if Blache wants to line him up as a rush end in the nickel.

The return of versatile outside 'backer Warrick Holdman from a knee injury complements Urlacher. Second-year prospect Bryan Knight also will start, with experienced Bobbie Howard and Mike Caldwell in reserve. Rookies Lance Briggs and Joe Odom add depth.

Secondary

Grade: B-

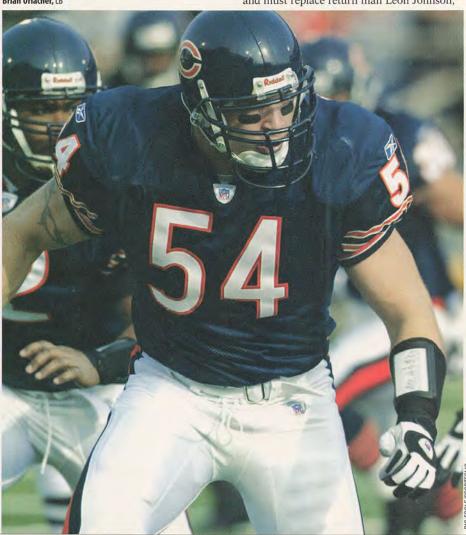
Free safety Mike Brown is as good as there is and provides glue to the entire group. Cornerbacks R.W. McQuarters and Jerry Azumah hope to get more support from second-year men Roosevelt Williams and Travis Coleman, plus the return from injury of Reggie Austin. Second-round corner Charles Tillman also will push for the third-cornerback job.

Second-year safety Bobby Gray could challenge returning Mike Green for the starting strongside job. Special-teams ace Larry Whigham backs up and fourth-round choice Todd Johnson, yet another Florida player, can play either side.

Special teams

Grade: B-

The special teams are middle-of-the-pack and must replace return man Leon Johnson,



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Chicago	60,907	85.9	\$51.42	\$5.00	160z	\$3.50	20oz	\$3.50	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$19.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	19oz	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

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		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	@San Francisco	4:15
Sept. 14	@Minnesota	8:30
Sept. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sept. 29	Green Bay	9:00
Oct. 5	Oakland	1:00
Oct. 12	@New Orleans	1:00
Oct. 19	@Seattle	4:15
Oct. 26	Detroit	1:00
Nov. 2	San Diego	1:00
Nov. 9	@Detroit	1:00
Nov. 16	St. Louis	1:00
Nov. 23	@Denver	4:05
Nov. 30	Arizona	1:00
Dec.7	@Green Bay	1:00
Dec. 14	Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 21	Washington	1:00
Dec. 28	@Kansas City	1:00

hopefully with the rookie Gray. Merritt and Rabih Abdullah also have experience returning.

Kicker Paul Edinger was retained after Minnesota signed him to a restricted offer sheet. He is effective in the windy, lakefront conditions. Punter Brad Maynard is coming off a very good year.

Management

When Jauron last had his back to the wall, he produced the 13-3 surprise. He's in the same position and so is General Manager Jerry Angelo. Both of their contracts expire following the 2004 season.

At Angelo's suggestion, Jauron added quarterback coach

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.	
QB	Kordell Stewart
FB	Daimon Shelton
RB	Anthony Thomas
LT	Mike Gandy
LG	Rex Tucker
C	Olin Kreutz
RG	Chris Villarrial
RT	Marc Colombo
TE	Desmond Clark
WR	Marty Booker
WR	David Terrell

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Phillip Daniels
LT	Ted Washington
RT	Bryan Robinson
RE	Alex Brown
OLB	Bryan Knight
MLB	Brian Urlacher
OLB	Warrick Holdman
CB	R.W. McQuarters
CB	Jerry Azumah
SS	Bobby Gray
FS	Mike Brown

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
K	Paul Edinger
P	Brad Maynard
KR	Ahmad Merritt
PR	Bobby Wade

Greg Olsen to help improve the perennial problem position.

Rottom line

Most of the Bears' offseason dealings were to replace departed starters Jim Miller at quarterback, James Williams at tackle, Colvin at linebacker and Johnson at return specialist. Their success will turn on the showing of Stewart or the quick development of Grossman.

Which Bear team will surface? Assuming injuries stay at a manageable level, there is enough talent on both sides of the ball to make noise in the mediocre NFC North. If they fall flat, a coaching change is imminent.

CHICAGO BEARS

Vance Bedford, defensive backs; Greg Blache, defensive coordinator; Chuck Bullough, assistant defensive line/assistant special teams; Pete Carmichael, offensive assistant; Charlie Coiner, offensive quality control; Pat Flaherty, tight ends; Todd Haley, wide receivers; Gary Moeller, linebackers; Earle Mosley, running backs; Larry Brooks, defensive line; John Shoop, offensive coordinator; Mike Sweatman, special teams; Bob Wylie, offensive line; Greg Olsen, quarterbacks; Richard Dent, assistant defensive line

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Burris, Henry	QB	6-1	195	06/04/1975	1	Temple
12	Chandler, Chris	QB	6-4	228	10/12/1965	15	Washington
17	Sauter, Cory	QB	6-4	216	11/21/1974	2	Minnesota
	Stewart, Kordell	QB	6-1	217	10/16/1972	8	Colorado
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
75	Colombo, Marc	T	6-7	320	10/08/1978	1	Boston College
79	Edwards, Steve	T	6-5	350	02/20/1979	1	UCF
69	Gandy, Mike	G	6-4	302	01/03/1979	1	Notre Dame
78	Gibson, Aaron	I	6-6	410	09/27/1977	3	Wisconsin
68	Grice, Shane	G	6-1	300	12/20/1976	1	Mississippi
57	Kreutz, Olin	C	6-2	293	06/09/1977	5	Washington
65	Mannelly, Patrick	Ţ	6-5	269	04/18/1975	5	Duke
60 74	Metcalf, Terrence	T	6-3	320	01/28/1978	1	Mississippi
64	Robertson, Bernard		6-3	310	06/09/1979		Tulane
58	Tucker, Rex	G	6-5	315	12/20/1976	4	Texas A&M
67	Villarrial, Chris Warner, Josh	G	6-3 6-5	310 305	06/09/1973 05/15/1979	7	Indiana (PA) SUNY-Brockport
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# 27	Abdullah, Rabih	RB	6-1	WT 220	BORN 04/27/1975	EXP.	COLLEGE Lehigh
29	Peterson, Adrian	RB	5-10	208	07/01/1979	1	Georgia Southern
36	Pritchett, Stanley	RB	6-2	250	12/22/1973	7	South Carolina
31	Shelton, Daimon	RB	6-1	262	09/15/1972	6	Sacramento State
35	Thomas, Anthony	RB	6-2	228	11/11/1977	2	Michigan
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#	RECEIVERS	WR	6-1	WT	BORN 07/21/1076	EXP.	COLLEGE Northeast Louisian
86	Booker, Marty Clark, Desmond	TE	6-3	210 255	07/31/1976 04/20/1977	4	Wake Forest
82	Davis, John	TE	6-4	264	05/14/1973	6	
87	Elliott, Jamin	WR	6-1	187	10/05/1979	1	Emporia State Delaware
49	Fletcher, Bryan	TE	6-5	235	03/23/1979	0	UCLA
85	Gilmore, John	TE	6-3	265	09/21/1979	1	Penn State
81	Merritt, Ahmad	WR	5-10	193	02/05/1977	2	Wisconsin
83	Terrell, David	WR	6-3	215	03/13/1979	2	Michigan
80	White, Dez	WR	6-1	215	08/23/1979	3	Georgia Tech
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
70	Boone, Alfonso	DT	6-4	325	01/11/1976	2	Mount San Antonio
96	Brown, Alex	DE	6-3	268	06/04/1979	1	Florida
93	Daniels, Phillip	DE	6-5	288	03/04/1973	7	Georgia
93	Demaree, Chris	DE	6-3	260	03/12/1980	1	Kentucky
	Grant, Ernest	DT	6-5	312	05/17/1976	3	Arkansas-Pine Bluf
72				294	06/22/1974	6	Fresno State
98	Robinson, Bryan	DE	6-4			7	
98 76	Robinson, Bryan Setzer, Bobby	DE	6-4	280	06/16/1976	2	Boise State
98 76 95	Robinson, Bryan Setzer, Bobby Stamper, John	DE DE	6-4 6-4	265	08/30/1978	1	South Carolina
98 76 95 99	Robinson, Bryan Setzer, Bobby Stamper, John Tafoya, Joe	DE DE DE	6-4 6-4 6-4	265 278	08/30/1978 09/06/1977	1 2	South Carolina Arizona
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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	14	Haynes, Michael	DE	6-3	281	09/13/80	Penn State
	22	Grossman, Rex	QB	6-1	217	08/23/80	Florida
2	3	Tillman, Charles	СВ	6-1	207	02/23/81	Louisiana-Lafayette
3	4	Briggs, Lance	LB	6-1	242	11/12/80	Arizona
4	3	Johnson, Todd	S	6-1	206	12/18/78	Florida
4	19	Scott, lan	DT	6-2	312	11/08/81	Florida
5	4	Wade, Bobby	WR	5-10	193	02/25/81	Arizona
5	8	Gage, Justin	WR	6-4	203	01/25/81	Missouri
5	36	LaFavor, Tron	DT	6-1	290	11/27/79	Florida
6	18	Odom, Joe	LB	6-1	241	12/14/79	Purdue

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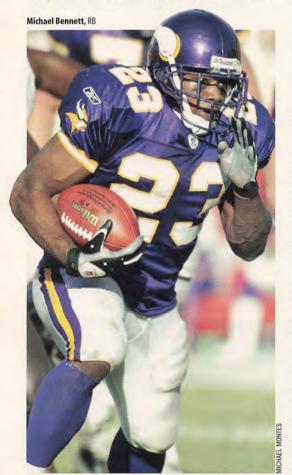
VIKINGS

If Tice is right, Vikings may have right stuff for a bigtime turnaround

Improved defense ignites optimism in Minnesota

fter a rookie season of 6-10, Vikings coach Mike Tice beat all his colleagues to the punch with this prediction: "We're going to go to the playoffs next year, I'll tell you that right now."

The Vikings finished by winning their last three games. Then they added four free agents who started elsewhere and lost none of their own starters. At least the math points to improvement.



At 6-8, 285 pounds, Tice is the biggest coach in the league. He wants his team to get bigger as well, especially on defense.

Offensive line

Grade: B

Signing right tackle Mike Rosenthal from the Giants makes the Vikings' front bigger and enables them to move Chris Liwienski back to left guard. Liwienski filled in for the late Korey Stringer at right tackle for two years.

Left tackle Bryant McKinnie is 6-8, 343; Liwienski is 6-5, 321; center Matt Birk is 6-4, 308, while right guard David Dixon is 6-5, 359, and Rosenthal 6-7, 315. Dixon might be *too* big. Together, they effectively hide quick little running back Michael Bennett. Lewis Kelly, Corbin Lacina, Everett Lindsay and Cory Withrow are reserves.

Quarterback

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Daunte Culpepper should benefit in his second year with Tice and offensive coordinator Scott Linehan, who also will coach the quarterbacks this season. Perplexed by last year's mandate to get the ball to star receiver Randy Moss, Culpepper often forced throws. But his athletic ability as a runner and passer is well-established.

Gus Frerotte joined the team from the Bengals to replace Todd Bouman as the backup. Second-year project Shaun Hill returns.

Running backs

Grade: B

Bennett is one of the fastest backs in the league. He enjoyed a breakout year last season, averaging 5.1 yards a carry, an NFC best among regular running backs. But he broke his foot in an offseason workout and may be slow regaining full speed in training camp. Moe Williams was re-signed as the backup in this one-back attack, joining another veteran coming off injured reserve, Doug Chapman, so Bennett's health is of primary concern.

Drafting Onterrio Smith in the fourth round gives the Vikings excellent protection at running back. He showed first-round ability, but must apply himself and stay out of trouble.

Receivers

Grade: B+

VIKING FACT Randy Moss set an NFL record for most receiving yards

Moss makes any receiving corps dangerous, even though he would benefit from a Cris Carter-like presence opposite him. Tice is hoping Derrick Alexander regains his health and desire after an injured-reserve stint. He could push D'Wayne Bates. Second-year men Kelly Campbell and Nick Davis and rookies Nate Burleson and Keenan Howry join Chris Walsh as backups.

Tight end Byron Chamberlain is a big part of the attack, but was shut out of the end zone last season.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

John Avery, RB

Chris Claiborne, LB (UFA-DET)

Aaron Elling, K

Gus Frerotte, QB (UFA-CIN)

Ken Irvin, CB (UFA-NO)

Ron Israel, CB Billy Lyon, DT

(UFA-GB)

Mike Rosenthal, OT
(UFA-NYG)

Denard Walker, CB

QUOTABLE

"I'm very excited about our success on the first day of the draft. Our staff got three first-rounders, which has never happened before with the Vikings.

-Vikings owner Red McCombs

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	387.0	2
Rushing	156.7	1
Passing	230.3	9
Scoring	390	8t
Punt Returns	10.1	14
Kick Returns	20.6	23
Red Zone TD %	56.3	10
Total Defense	360.6	26
Against Rush	104.1	10
Against Pass	256.4	29
Points Allowed	442	30
Interceptions	16	19
Sacks	27	30
Turnover Diff.	-18	31

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Red Zone Offense

307

Pass

20 FG 19 Def.

350

Daunte **CULPEPPER**

Hometown: Ocala, Fla.

Birthday: Jan. 28, 1977

College: Central Florida

NFL Experience: 4 years

Family Ties: Single

1995 MLB draft.

Bet you didn't know that...
Daunte lettered in baseball at
Vanguard High School in Ocala
and was drafted by the New York
Yankees in the 26th round of the

DAUNTE CULPEPPER

2002 FINAL STATS Won 6, Lost 10

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	23-27	at Chiacgo
09/15	L	39-45 (OT)	Buffalo
09/22	L	14-21	Carolina
09/29	L	23-48	at Seattle
10/13	W	31-24	Detroit
10/20	L	7-20	at New York Jets
10/27	W	25-7	Chicago
11/03	L	24-38	at Tampa Bay
11/10	L	20-27	New York Giants
11/17	W	31-21	Green Bay
11/24	L	17-24	at New England
12/01	L	24-30 (OT)	Atlanta
12/08	L	22-26	at Green Bay
12/15	W	32-31	at New Orleans
12/21	W	20-17	Miami
12/29	W	38-36	at Detroit

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Bennett	255	1296	5.1	85t	5
Culpepper	106	609	5.7	38	10
Williams	84	414	4.9	44	11
Chapman	12	89	7.4	27	0
Moss	6	51	8.5	25	0
Kleinsasser	6	17	2.8	4	0
Campbell	1	11	11.0	11	0
Davis	-1	11	11.0	11	0
Bouman	1	9	9.0	9	0
Richardson	1	0	0	0	0

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RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Moss	106	1347	12.7	60	7
Bates	50	689	13.8	59	4
Kleinsasser	37	393	10.6	39	1
Bennett	37	351	9.5	45t	1
Chamberlain	34	389	11.4	61	0
Williams	27	251	9.3	36	0
Walsh	14	172	12.3	28	1
Alexander	14	134	9.6	18	1
Campbell	13	176	13.5	32	3
Goodwin	4	20	5.0	8	1
James	1	29	29.0	29	0
Vikings	337	3951	11.7	61	19
Opponents	335	4300	12.8	84t	33

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Culpepper	549	333	3853	18	23
Bouman	6	3	85	0	0
Moss	3	1	13	1	0
Vikings	558	337	3951	19	23
Opponents	542	335	4300	33	16

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Vikings

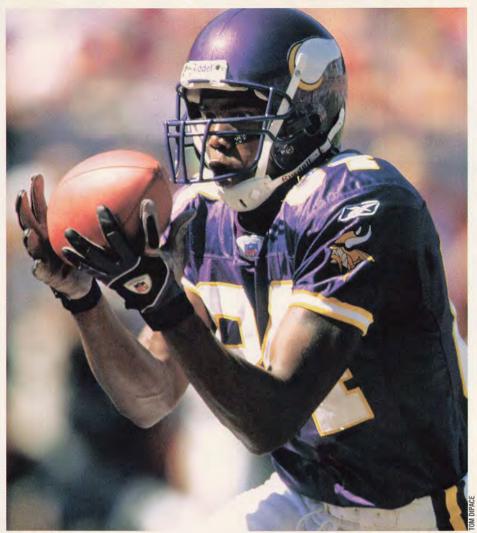
Opponents 394

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Johnstone 7.0, Hovan 5.5, Mixon 4.5, Bromell 4.0, Rogers 2.0, Chavous 1.0, Crockett 1.0, Hall 1.0

Vikings 27.0, Opponents 49.0

t=touchdown



Randy Moss, WR

Jim Kleinsasser fills the second-tight end/Hback role, while Hunter Goodwin is a big third option at a strong position.

Defensive line Grade: C+

George O'Leary replaces Willie Shaw as defensive coordinator and wants to rebuild starting up front. Tackle Chris Hovan, one of Brett Favre's pals, would like to meet more quarterbacks up close and personal, but he needs a bigger presence beside him other than Fred Robbins. Hovan led the team in quarterback hurries, a more telling statistic than sacks.

More size is why Kevin Williams became the team's top draft choice, though delayed by organizational confusion. The Vikings need him to sign before Nov. 1, when McKinnie showed up last year.

Kenny Mixon, Lance Johnstone and Lorenzo Bromell are hard-working, quick ends with 15.5 sacks among them last year. They would benefit, too, from more push in the middle.

Linebackers

Grade: B-

Signing Chris Claiborne from the Lions robbed a division rival of its leading tackler

and solidified a big need. Provided he can keep weight off, Claiborne will play the strongside, with Greg Biekert in the middle and Henri Crockett on the weakside. Second-round pick E.J. Henderson also will push for a starting job. Second-year players Nick Rogers and Raonall Smith could provide some pass-rush help as well as give O'Leary flexibility to play the 3-4. Holdovers Jim Nelson and Lemanski Hall join rookie Mike Nattiel as reserves.

Secondary

Grade: C

A weak area was shored up by the addition of cornerbacks Denard Walker from the Broncos and Ken Irvin from the Saints. They will either replace or push Brian Williams and Eric Kelly.

An intriguing addition is Ron Israel, out of football last season but big enough to move from corner to safety, where Corey Chavous has adapted as the strong safety opposite Jack Brewer. Second-year man Willie Offord could challenge.

Special teams

Grade: D

Tice must improve his special teams, which ranked near the bottom of the league. Gary Anderson is 44 years old and

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Chris Liwienski

Mike Rosenthal

Byron Chamberlain

Matt Birk

David Dixon

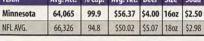
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TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар	
Minnesota	64,065	99.9	\$56.37	\$4.00	16oz	\$2.50	160z	\$3.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$19.99	
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	180z	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61	





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1998 1999

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	@Green Bay	1:00
Sept. 14	Chicago	8:30
Sept. 21	@Detroit	1:00
Sept. 28	San Francisco	1:00
Oct. 5	@Atlanta	1:00
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	Denver	1:00
Oct. 26	N.Y. Giants	1:00
Nov. 2	Green Bay	8:30
Nov. 9	@San Diego	4:05
Nov. 16	@Oakland	4:15
Nov. 23	Detroit	1:00
Nov. 30	@St. Louis	1:00
Dec.7	Seattle	1:00
Dec. 14	@Chicago	1:00
Dec. 20	Kansas City	5:00
Dec. 28	@Arizona	4:05

2003	3 Schedule		WR	Randy Moss
-		All Times Eastern	WR	D'Wayne Bates
ate	Opponent	Time	DEF	ENSE
ept.7	@Green Bay	1:00	Pos.	
ept. 14	Chicago	8:30	LE	Kenny Mixon
ept. 21	@Detroit	1:00	LT	Kevin Williams
ept. 28	San Francisco	1:00	RT	Chris Hovan
)ct. 5	@Atlanta	1:00	RE	Lance Johnstone
		1.00	OLB	Chris Claiborne
)ct. 12	OPEN DATE		MLB	Greg Biekert
ct. 19	Denver	1:00	OLB	Henri Crockett
ct. 26	N.Y. Giants	1:00	CB	Denard Walker
lov. 2	Green Bay	8:30	CB	Ken Irvin
lov. 9	@San Diego	4:05	SS	Corey Chavous
lov. 16	@Oakland	4:15	FS	Jack Brewer
lov. 23	Detroit	1:00	CDE	CIAL TEAMS
lov. 30	@St. Louis	1:00	Pos.	CIAL TEAMS
ec.7	Seattle	1:00	K	Gary Anderson
ec. 14	@Chicago	1:00	Р	Eddie Johnson
ec. 20	Kansas City	5:00	KR	Onterrio Smith
ec. 28	@Arizona	4:05	PR	Keenan Howry

had to be lured out of retirement, making only four of nine field goals from beyond 40 yards. They drafted punter Eddie Johnson. John Avery was signed to help Nick Davis return kicks and punts, although Oregon rookies Smith and Howry could take over both.

Management Grade: B

Over the years, few teams have been as consistently good at uncovering talent as the Vikings. The enthusiastic Tice's attitude is contagious and he managed to keep the team together when it fell out of playoff contention early last season.

Bottom line

By adding more starters than they lost in the offseason, the Vikings gained ground while other teams strived to maintain the status quo. They needed help and got it in key areas through free agency, then added perhaps two additional starters in the draft, rebounding nicely after their first-round snafu.

They will need more than Tice's optimistic attitude, of course, but this is a team with good possibilities to return to their accustomed spot among playoff contenders. If momentum carries over, they will challenge the Packers.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Scott Linehan, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks; George O'Leary, defensive coordinator/defensive line; Charlie Baggett, wide receivers: Brain Baker, linebackers: Dean Dalton, running backs; Chuck Knox, Jr., secondary; Steve Loney, offensive line; John Tice, tight ends/assistant offensive line coach; Steve Wetzel, strength and conditioning; Daryl Lawrence, assistant strength and conditioning; Pete Bercich, defensive assistant/assistant defensive line; Jim Panagos, defensive quality control; Jay Hayes, special teams; Kevin Ross, assistant secondary

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Culpepper, Daunte	QB	6-4	260	01/28/1977	4	Central Florida
	Frerotte, Gus	QB	6-3	225	07/31/1971	9	Tulsa
12	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	223	01/09/1980	0	Maryland
16	Thompson, Kevin	QB	6-5	236	07/27/1977	1	Penn State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
78	Birk, Matt	(6-4	308	07/23/1976	5	Harvard
65	Carman, Jon	T	6-7	335	01/14/1976	2	Georgia Tech
71	Dixon, David	G	6-5	359	01/05/1969	9	Arizona State
64 72	Early, Michael	C	6-2 6-6	320 298	06/02/1977	0	Norfolk State Minnesota
61	Haayer, Adam Kelly, Lewis	T	6-4	306	02/22/1977 04/21/1977	2	South Carolina Stat
62	Lindsay, Everett	G	6-4	302	09/18/1970	8	Mississippi
76	Liwienski, Chris	T	6-5	321	08/02/1975	4	Indiana
74	McKinnie, Bryant	T	6-8	343	09/23/1979	1	Miami (FL)
	Rosenthal, Mike	T	6-7	315	06/10/1977	4	Notre Dame
60	Withrow, Cory	C	6-2	281	04/05/1975	3	Washington State
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Avery, John	RB	5-9	190	01/11/1976	2	Mississippi
23	Bennett, Michael	RB	5-9	211	08/13/1978	2	Wisconsin
34	Chapman, Doug	RB	5-10	213	08/22/1977	2	Marshall
	Ned, Larry	RB	5-11	219	08/23/1978	0	San Diego State
20	Williams, Moe	RB	6-1	210	07/26/1974	7	Kentucky
44	Wofford, James	RB	6-1	186	06/06/1978	1	UNLV
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
82	Alexander, Derrick	WR	6-2	206	11/06/1971	9	Michigan
85	Bates, D'Wayne	WR	6-2	215	12/04/1975	4	Northwestern
16	Campbell, Kelly	WR	5-10	171	07/23/1980	1	Georgia Tech
87	Chamberlain, Byron	TE	6-1	242	10/17/1971	8	Wayne State (NE)
86	Davis, Nick	WR	6-1	180	10/06/1979	1	Wisconsin
83	Goodwin, Hunter	TE	6-5	270	10/10/1972	7	Texas A&M
89 40	James, Cedric Kleinsasser, Jim	WR TE	6-1	199 274	03/19/1979 01/31/1977	1 4	Texas Christian
84	Moss, Randy	WR	6-4	204	02/13/1977	5	North Dakota Marshall
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	100	HT	WT	100	EXP.	COLLEGE
91	Bromell, Lorenzo	DE	6-6	268	BORN 09/23/1975	5	Clemson
99	Hovan, Chris	DT	6-2	294	05/12/1978	3	Boston College
**	Howard, Willie	DE	6-3	298	12/26/1977	1	Stanford
51	Johnstone, Lance	DE	6-4	253	06/11/1973	7	Temple
95	Killings, Cedric	DT	6-2	290	12/14/1977	2	Carson-Newman
98	Lyon, Billy	DE	6-5	295	12/10/1973	5	Marshall
79	Mixon, Kenny	DE	6-4	275	05/31/1975	5	LSU
98	Robbins, Fred	DT	6-4	313	03/25/1977	3	Wake Forest
94	Wiley, Chuck	DE	6-5	277	03/06/1975	4	LSU
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
42	Brewer, Jack	S	6-1	194	01/08/1979	1	Minnesota
21	Chavous, Corey	CB	6-1	206	01/15/1976	5	Vanderbilt
27	Irvin, Ken	CB	5-11	186	07/11/1972	8	Memphis
25	Kelly, Eric	CB	5-10	197	01/15/1977	2	Kentucky
24	Offord, Willie	S	6-1	215	12/22/1978	1	South Carolina
27	Russell, Brian Scott, Carey	CB	6-2 5-11	204	02/05/1978 08/11/1978	1	San Diego State
25	Walker, Denard	CB	6-1	190	08/09/1973	6	Kentucky State LSU
29	Williams, Brian	CB	5-11	207	07/02/1979	1	North Carolina Stat
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54	LINEBACKERS Biekert, Greg	LB	6-2	WT 255	03/14/1969	10	College
50	Claiborne, Chris	LB	6-3	258	03/14/1909	4	Southern California
52	Crockett, Henri	LB	6-2	238	10/28/1974	6	Florida State
58	Rogers, Nick	LB	6-2	251	05/31/1979	1	Georgia Tech
	Smith, Raonall	LB	6-2	244	10/22/1978	0	Washington State
57				1117	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
57	KICKERS		HT	WI			
	KICKERS Anderson, Gary	K	5-11	WT 193	07/16/1959	21	Syracuse
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Henderson, E.J. Burleson, Nate Smith, Onterrio Johnson, Eddie 232 03/02/81 Idaho State Nattiel, Michael LB 228 11/08/80 Howry, Keenan 06/17/81

Williams, Kevin

COLLEGE

Motor City could be maddening for Mariucci, as former 49er seeks gold few have struck

Outside of special teams, Lions offer minimal strong points

aking over the 3-13 Lions will not remind new coach Steve Mariucci of 1997, when he took the reins of the 12-4 49ers. Mariucci will earn every nickel of his \$25 million if he can get the Lions to 12-4 by the end of his five-year contract.

"We have a lot of holes to fill, a lot of needs," Mariucci warns. "In building this team, we're not going to be able to do it in one year. It's going to be over time."

Still, most Detroit fans have waited literally their whole lives. Another season of double-digit losses will test the Matt Millen experiment of making an ex-player the boss.



Offensive line

Left tackle Jeff Backus is one of the league's best young left tackles on an impressive unit that allowed a league-low 20 sacks. Center Dominic Raiola earned most-improved honors. Overweight right tackle Stockar McDougle made offseason progress. Left guard Ray Brown is still effective at 40 years old. Guard Tony Semple is coming off shoulder surgery. Backups are Eric Beverly, Matt Joyce, Tyrone Hopson and Josh Lovelady.

Quarterback

Joey Harrington showed promise when first thrust into the job, but made little progress throughout his rookie season. Since Mariucci's system is similar to that of his former offensive coordinator with the 49ers, fired ex-Lion head coach Marty Mornhinweg, Harrington should have a head start in taking the next step.

Harrington completed only half his passes and must learn to get the ball in somebody else's hands quickly. Mike McMahon is Harrington's backup, an athlete with barely more experience than Harrington. Ty Detmer is the fall-back veteran.

Running backs

Grade: B-

Grade: C

James Stewart gets little respect, but he was a 1,000-yard rusher with a decent 4.4 average last season who bailed out Mornhinweg's limping offense. Adding Shawn Bryson from Buffalo could force Stewart to share his carries. Second-year prospect Aveion Cason and rookie Artose Pinner are reserves.

Fullback Cory Schlesinger is an unsung blocker/receiver who will give Mariucci the kind of solid foundation to his running game that Fred Beasley provided in San Francisco.

Receivers

Grade: C

Unless top draft choice Charles Rogers immediately injects the kind of boost unusual among rookie receivers, the Lions will continue to suffer. Rogers arrives with high expectations and comparisons to Randy Moss, one of the few rookies who did make a difference right away.

Signing Az-Zahir Hakim and Bill Schroeder last season was fruitless, as Hakim ended up on injured reserve and neither proved capable of

OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

- Dre' Bly, CB (STL)
- Shawn Bryson, RB (UFA-BUF)
- ► Earl Holmes, LB (CLE)
- Wali Rainer, LB (UFA-JAC)

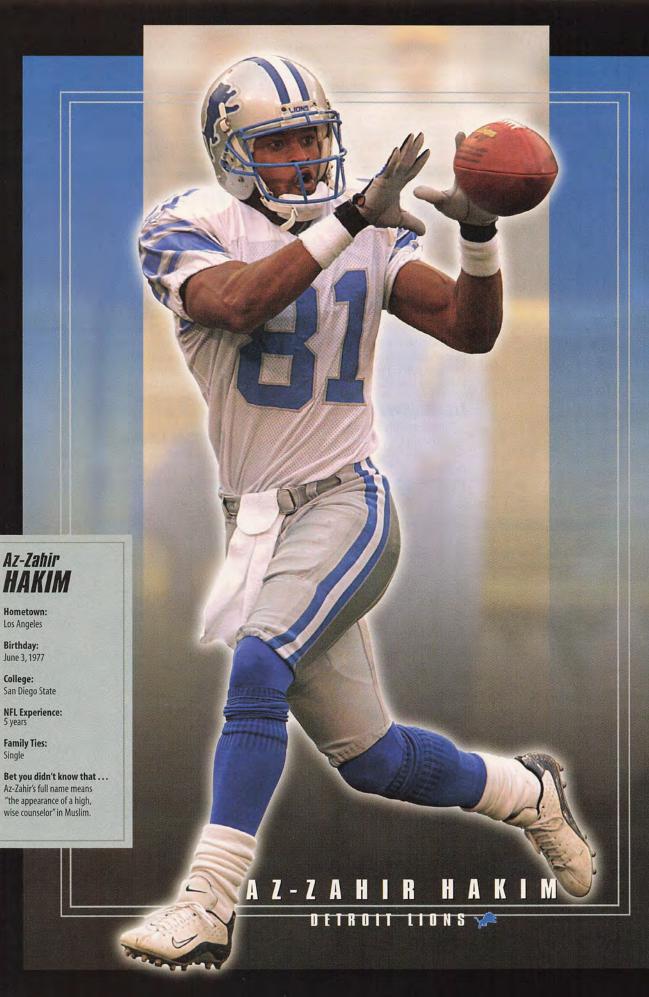
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"The obvious needs are corners. receivers and linebackers. On the offensive line, we need another young offensive lineman. We need another safety. We are solid at kicker. Our defensive line is in pretty good shape."

-new Detroit coach Steve Mariucci on the Lions' needs

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Az-Zahir **HAKIM**

Hometown: Los Angeles

Birthday: June 3, 1977

College: San Diego State

NFL Experience: 5 years

Family Ties: Single

2002 FINAL STATS Won 3, Lost 13

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	21-49	at Miami
09/15	L	7-31	at Carolina
09/22	L	31-37	Green Bay
09/29	W	26-21	New Orleans
10/13	L	24-31	at Minnesota
10/20	W	23-20 (OT)	Chicago
10/27	L	17-24	at Buffalo
11/03	W	9-7	Dallas
11/10	L	14-40	at Green Bay
11/17	L	14-31	New York Jets
11/24	L	17-20 (OT)	at Chicago
11/28	L	12-20	New England
12/08	L	20-23 (OT)	ar Arizona
12/15	L	20-23	Tampa Bay
12/22	L	15-36	at Atlanta
12/29	L	36-38	Minnesota

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Stewart	231	1021	4.4	56	4
Schlesinger	49	139	2.8	17	2
Cason	26	107	4.1	40	0
McMahon	14	96	6.9	22	3
Cooper	12	57	4.8	18	0
Drummond	4	38	9.5	23	0
Warren	6	8	1.3	8	0
Huntley	3	4	1.3	3	0
Harrington	7	4	0.6	6	0
Hakim	4	3	0.8	10	0
Lions	358	1477	4.1	56	9

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Opponents 495

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Stewart	46	333	7.2	52t	2
Hakim	37	541	14.6	64t	3
Schroeder	36	595	16.5	46	5
Schlesinger	35	263	7.5	43	0
Ricks	27	339	12.6	49	3
Anderson	25	322	12.9	34	1
Crowell	22	201	9.1	22	1
Cason	19	288	15.2	37	2
Foster	14	152	10.9	22	0
Owens	5	49	9.8	13	0
Warren	4	56	14.0	39t	2
Trejo	2	13	6.5	8	0
Murphy	1	8	8.0	8	0
McMahon	1	7	7.0	7	0
Lions	277	3168	11.4	64t	19
Opponents	371	4404	11.9	60	27

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Harrington	429	215	2294	12	16
McMahon	147	62	874	7	9
Lions	577	277	3168	19	25
Opponents	591	371	4404	27	10

SACKS

Edwards 6.5, Porcher 5.5, Claiborne 4.5, Curry 3.0, Elliss 2.5, Harris 2.5, Rogers 2.5, Hall 2.0, DeVries 1.0, Green 1.0, Bra. Walker 1.0, Bri. Walker 1.0

Lions 33.0, Opponents 20.0

t=touchdown

assuming the No. 1 role. Third-year prospect Scotty Anderson needs to break out. Larry Foster also will get a look. Mariucci made do with one ace receiver in San Francisco in Terrell Owens and may be forced to do it again.

Re-signing pass-catching tight end Mikhael Ricks gives Harrington a familiar target. John Owens and Matt Murphy are backups.

Defensive line Grade: B-

The key to improvement is the ability of third-year defensive tackle Shaun Rogers to shake a sophomore slump precipitated by a broken right thumb. If he returns to his rookie form, the Lions will have a solid base from which to rebuild their 31st-ranked defense.

Robert Porcher must prove he's not over the hill after garnering a substandard 5.5 sacks in his 11th season. Tackle Luther Elliss also must rebound from a high ankle sprain that left him on injured reserve. The rookie showing of undersized but talented end Kalimba Edwards (team-leading 6.5 sacks) is encouraging. James Hall and Kelvin Pritchett have started and rookie Cory Redding will push to play.

Linebackers Grad

Losing middle linebacker Chris Claiborne to Minnesota was a blow after Claiborne led Secondary

Boss Bailey.

Grade: D

Another problem area received help when cornerback Dre Bly was signed from St. Louis to replace retired Todd Lyght, but the secondary is typical of the Lions' plight. Two former No. 1 corners—Terry Fair and Bryant Westbrook—are gone.

the team in tackles and interceptions and

won club-MVP honors. But the Lions are

excited about adding the speed of rookie

and Wali Rainer are stopgap measures.

Jeff Gooch is a veteran reserve.

They might both start, with Rainer on the

strongside in place of Donte' Curry. Barrett Green shows some promise on the weakside.

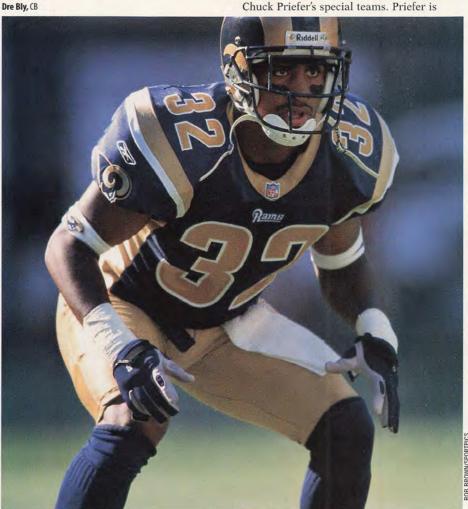
Signing free-agent veterans Earl Holmes

Second-year corners Andre Goodman and Chris Cash will compete opposite Bly. Veteran Eric Davis played corner and safety last year. Jimmy Wyrick was re-signed to add veteran stability and Terrence Holt (Ram receiver Torry's brother) and Blue Adams were drafted. Safeties Brian Walker and Corey Harris are backed by Lamar Campbell and Bracey Walker.

Special teams

Grade: A

The bright spot for the Lions is coach Chuck Priefer's special teams. Priefer is



ROB BROWN

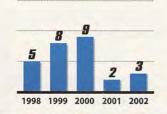
Ford Field

Capacity: 64,355 Turf: Artificial Tickets: 800-616-7627

Web site: www.detroitlions.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Cap.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Detroit	61,218	94.2	\$50.23	\$4.50	16oz	\$2.75	16oz	\$3.50	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$18.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	Arizona	1:00
Sept. 14	@Green Bay	1:00
Sept. 21	Minnesota	1:00
Sept. 28	@Denver	4:15
Oct. 5	@San Francisco	4:15
Oct. 12	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 19	Dallas	1:00
Oct. 26	@Chicago	1:00
Nov. 2	Oakland	1:00
Nov. 9	Chicago	1:00
Nov. 16	@Seattle	4:15
Nov. 23	@Minnesota	1:00
Nov. 27	Green Bay	12:30
Dec.7	San Diego	1:00
Dec. 14	@Kansas City	1:00
Dec. 21	@Carolina	1:00
Dec. 28	St. Louis	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

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E	Robert Porcher
LT	Luthur Elliss
RT	Shaun Rogers
RE	Kalimba Edwards
OLB	Wali Rainer
MLB	Earl Holmes
OLB	Barrett Green
CB	Andre Goodman
CB	Dre' Bly
SS	Corey Harris
FS	Brian Walker

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS.	
K	Jason Hanson
P	John Jett
KR	Eddie Drummond
PR	Eddie Drummond

actually assisted here by Kevin O'Dea, demonstrating Mariucci's commitment to special teams. Jason Hanson is one of the league's most consistent placekickers. John Jett finished among the NFC's top punters. Rookie Eddie Drummond pushed Desmond Howard out of a job in kickoff and punt returns. Despite punting more than they would like, the Lions led the league in punt coverage.

Management Grade: C-

Mariucci was Millen's first choice two years ago when he settled on Mariucci's right-hand man, Mornhinweg. Millen fired personnel chief Bill Tobin, who

helped conduct two productive drafts. Stability is needed.

Bottom line

Losing Claiborne is acceptable only if the Lions can prove they are better off without him. Drafting Rogers provides hope for the future. Mariucci was the primary offseason acquisition, but there is only so much a coach can be expected to do.

This is a team built on promise at some key spots and precious little else. In Mariucci, Harrington, one young Rogers on offense and another on defense, there are possibilities. But if the Lions are to win more than three games, they will need more than good special teams.

DETROIT LIONS

Steve Mariucci, head coach

Sherman Lewis, offensive coordinator; Kevin Higgins, quarterbacks; Sean Kugler, tight ends; Carl Mauck, offensive line; Tom Rathman, running backs; Andy Sugarman, offensive assistant; Bobby Williams, receivers, Kevin Lartigue, assistant to the head coach; Kurt Schottenheimer, defensive coordinator; Don Clemons, defensive assistant; George Dyer, defensive line; Johnny Holland, defensive assistant; Ray Horton, secondary; Richard Smith, assistant head coach/linebackers; Chuck Priefer, special teams; Kevin O'Dea, assistant special teams; Jason Arapoff, strength and conditioning; Malcolm Blacken, assistant strength and conditioning

	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
14	Detmer, Ty	QB	6-1	189	10/30/1967	7	Brigham Young
3	Harrington, Joey	QB	6-4	220	10/21/1978	1	Oregon
8	McMahon, Mike	QB	6-2	208	02/08/1979	2	Rutgers
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
76	Backus, Jeff	Ţ	6-5	309	09/21/1977	2	Michigan
79	Beverly, Eric	(6-3	300	03/28/1974	5	Miami (OH)
61	Brown, Ray	G	6-5	318	12/12/1962	15	Arkansas State
75	Joyce, Matt	T	6-7	300	03/30/1972	8	Richmond
70	Lovelady, Josh	G	6-3	320	01/28/1978	1	Houston
73	McDougle, Stockar	T	6-6	367	01/20/1978	3	Oklahoma
51	Raiola, Dominic	Ċ	6-1	295		2	Nebraska
21		G			12/30/1978		
	Rogers, Victor		6-6	331	10/10/1978	0	Colorado
63	Romero, Frank	G	6-4	300	11/24/1979	0	Oklahoma
62	Semple, Tony	G	6-5	305	12/20/1970	8	Memphis
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
38	Bryson, Shawn	RB	6-1	228	08/26/1976	3	Tennessee
23	Cooper, Rafael	RB	5-11	205	01/08/1975	1	Louisville
40	Denson, Autry	RB	5-10	203	12/08/1976	4	Notre Dame
30	Schlesinger, Cory	RB	6-1	247	06/23/1972	8	Nebraska
	Staley, Luke	RB	6-1	227	09/16/1980	0	Brigham Young
34	Stewart, James	RB	6-1	224	12/27/1971	8	Tennessee
36	Trejo, Stephen	RB	6-2	254	11/20/1977	2	Arizona State
#	RECEIVERS			WT	17.500.000	EXP.	COLLEGE
88		WR	HT	191	BORN		
89	Anderson, Scotty		6-2		11/24/1979	9	Grambling
	Banta, Bradford	TE	6-6	253	12/14/1970		Southern Californi
18	Drummond, Eddie	WR	5-9	185	04/12/1980	1	Penn State
81	Hakim, Az-Zahir	WR	5-10	189	06/03/1977	5	San Diego State
49	Murphy, Matt	TE	6-5	253	02/23/1980	1	Maryland
83	Owens, John	TE	6-3	266	01/10/1980	1	Notre Dame
86	Ricks, Mikhael	TE	6-5	252	11/14/1974	5	Stephen F. Austin
84	Schroeder, Bill	WR	6-3	200	01/09/1971	6	Wisconsin-La Cross
· Hi	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
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95	DeVries, Jared	DE	6-4	269	06/11/1976	4	lowa
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95 98	DeVries, Jared Edwards, Kalimba	DE	6-4 6-5	269 264	06/11/1976 12/26/1979	1	South Carolina
95 98 94	DeVries, Jared Edwards, Kalimba Elliss, Luther	DE DT	6-4 6-5 6-5	269 264 318	06/11/1976 12/26/1979 03/22/1973	1 8	South Carolina Utah Michigan
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3	2	Redding, Cory	DE	6-4	279	11/15/80	Texas
4	2	Pinner, Artose	RB	5-10	229	01/05/78	Kentucky
5	2	Holt, Terrence	S	6-2	208	03/05/80	North Carolina St.
5	9	Davis, James	S	6-1	221	04/26/79	West Virginia
6	2	Kircus, David	WR	6-1	186	02/19/80	Grand Valley State
7	2	Johnson, Ben	T	6-6	329	04/07/80	Wisconsin
7	6	Adams, Blue	СВ	5-9	182	10/15/79	Cincinnati
7	22	Drumm, Brandon	RB	6-1	233	07/05/79	Colorado
7	46	Anglin, Travis	WR	6-4	192	04/17/80	Memphis

NFG South Best

Don't look now. but the NFC's voungest division might just be its best

By Stan Olson, Charlotte Observer

rior to last season, this was considered perhaps the NFL's worst division, a bunch of non-contenders that would attract virtually no interest beyond the home folks in the Southeast. The NFC South-Atlanta, Carolina, New Orleans and Tampa Bay-was created only last year, and people discussed the new grouping as if it were an expansion team. Bad things were expected all around. After all, if you had added up the all-time wins and losses of the four members, you would have produced the worst winning percentage of any of the eight divisions. A step above the Arena Football League, but just barely.

Then they started play.

New Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, pried away from Oakland at great expense of draft choices and treasure to replace Tony Dungy, took the league by storm, becoming the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl. But the Buccaneers didn't have an easy march through their own, supposedly dismal division.

Atlanta, with quarterback Michael Vick developing game by game, turned into a Super Bowl contender itself. And New Orleans appeared to have a playoff slot all locked up before a late-season swoon cost the Saints a postseason trip.

They lost that invitation with a final-day loss to the visiting Carolina Panthers; naturally, it had to be someone from the NFC South.

Things have changed dramatically since then. These days, you'll only get a slight argument if you claim that the division is football's best.



TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tampa Bay fully expects to zip back into the Super Bowl. This time it's in Houston instead of San Diego, but Warren Sapp & Co. figure they can have just as much fun in Texas. The Buccaneers' defense took a few freeagency hits, but Gruden reloaded and is ready to roll.



ATLANTA FALCONS

Rolling, though, won't be all that easy. Atlanta still has the most exciting player in football in Vick, and he's got another year of experience. The Falcons also brought in wide receiver Peerless Price, giving Vick that long-bomb threat that was missing from the Atlanta attack last season, when the Falcons went 9-6-1.



CAROLINA PANTHERS

Carolina, which just two years ago finished a dismal 1-15, shook off an eight-game losing streak to win four of its last five behind the NFL's No. 2 defense and firstvear coach John Fox. Then the Panthers spent the offseason upgrading their offense. adding two wide receivers (Kevin Dyson and Ricky Proehl), a "quarterback of the future" (Jake Delhomme, the former Saint) and a big-time running back (Stephen Davis). Then they beefed up their offensive line in the draft.



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

New Orleans, too, made an all-out effort to improve. The Saints were an offensive threat last year, but too often watched their defense give games away. So they worked on finding players capable of stopping the other guys. They invested in former Atlanta cornerback Ashley Ambrose and San Diego linebacker Orlando Ruff.

All four division teams worked to get better but, given their starting point, the Panthers did the best job. Expect them to elbow their way past New Orleans into third place and possibly the playoffs. But don't expect them to catch the Bucs or Falcons, who are postseason locks if they stay healthy.

By the way, that supposedly inept NFL South finished with the best overall record (37-26-1) of any division in 2002.

Look for more of the same in 2003.

Division's

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Derrick Brooks, LB, Tampa Bay

You thought we'd pick Michael Vick, didn't you? How about this for impact: He returned four turnovers for TDs.

RUSHER:

Deuce McAllister, RB, New Orleans

No question in this division, although you might take Vick on any given scramble.

RECEIVER:

Joe Horn, WR, New Orleans

A wonderful receiver who came seemingly out of nowhere—actually, Itawamba (Miss.) Junior College by way of the Kansas City Chiefs—to become a dominant big-play threat.

TACKLER:

John Lynch, SS, Tampa Bay

The division is full of hard hitters, but no one hits harder than Lynch. Watch him come flying across the field and say a quick prayer for his target.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Fred McAfee, RB, New Orleans

McAfee is a veteran who has been known for doing all the little things right—block a kick here, make a block there—and it paid off last year, when he was named to the Pro Bowl for his special-teams efforts.

TEAMMATE:

Rodney Peete, QB, Carolina

Well-liked by everyone in his locker room, Peete, 37, is one of those guys who stands up to say something and finds everyone listening.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Michael Bates, KR, Carolina

The Panthers' special-teams veteran is not above switching teammates' shoes from locker to locker. And watch out when you put on your helmet; it might be full of shaving cream.

INTELLECT:

Roman Oben, OT, Tampa Bay

What hasn't this guy done? Oben took advantage of the NFL's continuing-education program to earn his master's degree in public administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has also worked as an offseason intern for several congressmen.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator, Tampa Bay

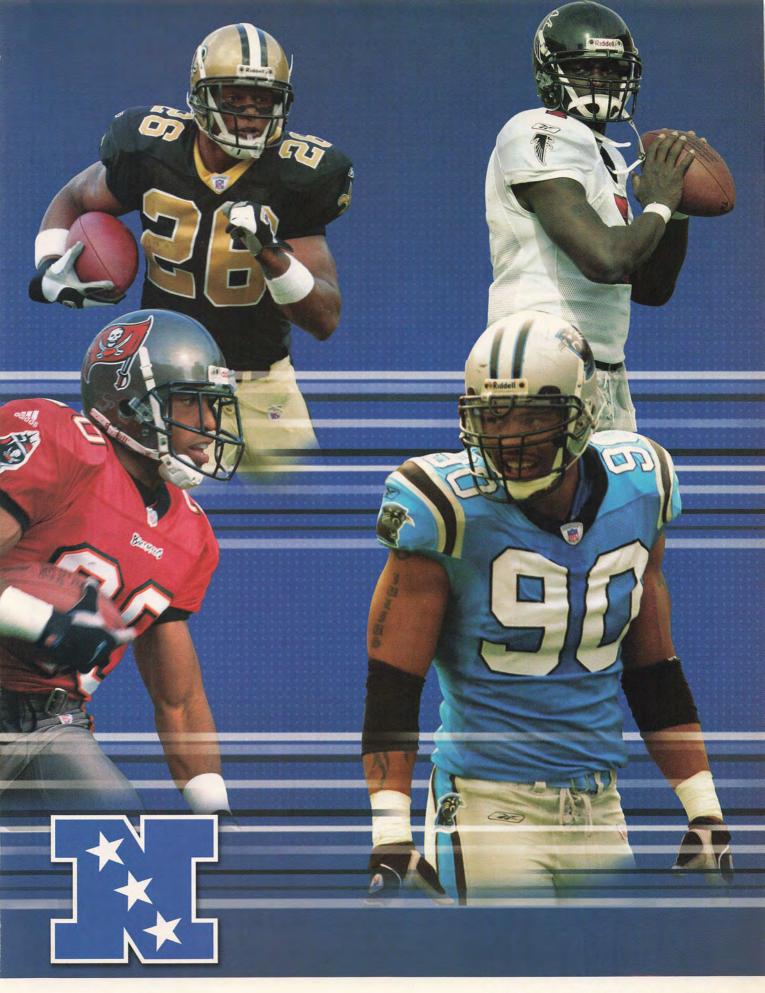
Kiffin's Buccaneer defense finished in the NFL's top 10 for the sixth straight year in 2002.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Rich McKay, GM, Tampa Bay

We'll give you one stat on why he is perceived as a draft master: In six of the seven drafts from 1993 through 1999, McKay picked at least one player who would go on to the Pro Bowl.





Is it possible the Buccaneers can be even better than last year? Oh, yes

Super Bowl MVP Jackson is only missing link

etting coach Jon Gruden from Oakland did cost the Buccaneers all those draft picks, but how's a Super Bowl championship in his first season for a little immediate gratification?

Simply put, Gruden and the Bucs had a dazzling year, setting a club mark with 12 regular-season victories, then marching through the playoffs to San Diego and a 48-21 Super Bowl win over Oakland.



While repeats are rare these days in the parityswamped NFL, you probably wouldn't want to bet against them. Virtually all of the key players from the 2002 run return, and that Monte Kiffinorchestrated defense is scary good.

People noticed; Tampa Bay will have a team-record three appearances on "Monday Night Football," and seven of their 16 regular-season games will be on national television.

Offensive line

Grade: B

Overlooked as the publicity lights shone on the defense, the O-line showed considerable improvement down the stretch, allowing just one sack in the postseason.

It's a competent and revamped unit that may be better than a year ago. For instance, right guard Cosey Coleman, who had started 31 of the past 32 games, will likely be a backup this season behind former Giant Jason Whittle. Right tackle Kenyatta Walker finished strong in '02, but he'll still face a battle in camp for the position with Cornell Green. Center John Wade has been snatched from Jacksonville. The left side is stable with the return of tackle Roman Oben, who was better than expected last year, and guard Kerry Jenkins.

Two fourth-round draft picks, center Austin King and tackle Lance Nimmo, add depth.

Ouarterback

Grade: A-

Other quarterbacks get more notoriety, Brad Johnson just wins. He now sports a 51-28 record as a starter—second only to Brett Favre among active QBs—and did nothing to hurt that last season, when he threw 22 TD passes and just six interceptions. He also completed 62.3 percent of his passes, and his 92.9 efficiency rating led the NFC.

OK, so there's no doubt who's the man under center in Tampa. But who backs him up? The Bucs took a gamble on Texas' Chris Simms in the draft's third round, and he joins Shaun King and Jim Miller in the fight for the backup job. The team will only carry three quarterbacks during the season, and Miller is likely the odd man out.

Running backs

Grade: C+

Michael Pittman finished strong (718 yards rushing) but only averaged 3.5 yards a carry. Still, he made a formidable target out of the backfield, catching 59 passes. He'll again share the work with 248-pound bowling ball Mike Alstott (548 rushing yards, 35 catches), who is in his eighth year with the franchise.

Backup Aaron Stecker shows big-play potential; he averaged 6.2 yards a rush in limited work. And



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Jacquez Green, WR (DET)

Shane Matthews, QB (WAS)

Jim Miller, QB (CHI)

▶ Dwayne Rudd, LB

(CLE) ▶ John Wade, C

(JAC)

Clayton White, LB

(NYG)

Jason Whittle, G

(NYG)

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	312.6	24
Rushing	97.3	27
Passing	215.3	15
Scoring	346	18
Punt Returns	9.8	15
Kick Returns	24.1	4
Red Zone TD %	45.1	28
Total Defense	252.8	1
Against Rush	97.1	5t
Against Pass	155.6	1
Points Allowed	196	1
Interceptions	31	1
Sacks	43	6
Turnover Diff.	+17	1t

 First Downs

 Total
 Rush
 Pass
 Penalty

 287
 90
 172
 25

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 TD
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 51
 216
 23
 18

 Touchdowns
 Rush
 Pass
 Ret.
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CING PAGE: MICHAEL MONTES

BUCCANEER FACT



Hometown: Marietta, Ga.

Birthday: Sept. 13, 1968

College: Florida State

NFL Experience: 11 years

Family Ties: Brad and his wife, Nikki, have a son, Max.

Bet you didn't know that ...
Brad was also an all-state
basketball player and a teammate
of former NBA center Brad
Daugherty at Owen High School
in Swannanoa N.C.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANFERS

2002 FINAL STATS Won 12, Lost 4

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	20-26 (OT)	New Orleans
09/15	W	25-0	at Baltimore
09/23	W	26-14	St. Louis
09/29	W	35-7	at Cincinnati
10/06	W	20-6	at Atlanta
10/13	W	17-3	Cleveland
10/20	L	10-20	at Philadelphia
10/27	W	12-9	at Carolina
11/03	W	38-24	Minnesota
11/17	W	23-10	Carolina
11/24	W	21-7	Green Bay
12/01	L	20-23	at New Orleans
12/08	W	34-10	Atlanta
12/15	W	23-20	at Detroit
12/23	L	7-17	Pittsburgh
12/29	W	15-0	at Chicago

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Pittman	204	718	3.5	21	1
Alstott	146	548	3.8	32	5
Stecker	28	174	6.2	59	0
R. Johnson	14	73	5.2	21	0
B. Johnson	13	30	2.3	6	0
King	4	25	6.3	15	0
McCardell	1	3	3.0	3	0
Williams	3	-5	-1.7	0	0
Tupa	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
Buccaneers	414	1557	3.8	59	6

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85t

Opponents 410

Buccaneers 348

Opponents 259

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
K. Johnson	76	1088	14.3	76t	5
McCardell	61	670	11.0	65t	6
Pittman	59	477	8.1	64	0
Jurevicius	37	423	11.4	26	4
Alstott	35	242	6.9	44t	2
Dilger	34	329	9.7	40	2
Dudley	16	192	12.0	35t	3
Stecker	13	69	5.3	12	0
Williams	7	77	11.0	17	1
Cook	4	43	10.8	14	0
Barlow	3	23	7.7	13	0
Yoder	2	26	13.0	16	0
Stephens	1	6	6.0	6	0

ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
451	281	3049	22	6
88	57	536	1	2
27	10	80	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
567	348	3665	23	10
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Rice 15.5, Sapp 7.5, Wyms 5.5, Spires 3.5, Barber 3.0, Darby 1.5, McFarland 1.5, Brooks 1.0, Kelly 1.0, Quarles 1.0, Singleton 1.0, Smith 1.0

Buccaneers 43.0, Opponents 41.0

t=touchdown

young Travis Stephens could eventually get a chance as well.

Receivers Grade: A-

This is a strong and physical collection, starting with the ever-verbal Keyshawn Johnson, who made 76 catches for 1,088 yards and five scores. A quality possession receiver, Johnson gets plenty of help from Keenan McCardell (61 receptions) and Joe Jurevicius (37).

Tampa Bay's offense, of course, gets everyone involved. This year, that may include free-agent signee Jacquez Green, who split time with Washington and Detroit last season.

Ken Dilger is smart and experienced at tight end, but he's slowing with age (32). Backup Rickey Dudley has great physical tools but is inconsistent.

Defensive line Grade: A

This is where tackle Warren Sapp lives. Number 99 had 7.5 sacks, 800 interesting quotes and perhaps 8,000 intimidations on the way to the Super Bowl. And he doesn't work alone; Simeon Rice mans one end, and he piled up 15.5 sacks a year ago. Then there's fellow end Greg Spires, along with nose tackle Anthony McFarland.

So how does Tampa Bay spend its first draft pick (64th overall)? On another defensive lineman, end Dewayne White. White showed a knack for running down quarterbacks at Louisville, and reminds some of Spires. On this team, he can be brought along slowly, possibly playing both end and tackle.

Linebackers Grade: A-

The re-signing of middle man Shelton Quarles helped tremendously. While most of the ink is splashed (rightfully so) on weakside

Warren Sapp, DT

linebacker Derrick Brooks, Quarles had an outstanding 2002, collecting 113 tackles, two interceptions and a sack. The Bucs would have had difficulty replacing him.

We've already told you about Brooks, the motor that keeps this defense humming, but there's other news. Tampa Bay lost Al Singleton, but patched that hole with Cleveland free agent Dwayne Rudd. He'll start, with the re-signed Nate Webster, Ryan Nece and ex-Giant Clayton White providing depth.

Secondary

Find a better cover corner than Ronde Barber, who had 21 passes broken up a year ago. Barber is tough and smart, and sets the tone for a unit that also features strong safety John Lynch, a clubhouse leader who contributed three interceptions last year.

Grade: A

Last year, corner Brian Kelly took advantage of teams' reluctance to throw to Barber's side of the field and picked off eight passesso now what do opponents do?

Joining Lynch at safety is Dwight Smith or John Howell or maybe Jermaine Phillips, because somebody has to replace Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson, who signed with Arizona.

Special teams Grade: A-

Kicker Martin Gramatica, one of those crazy Gramatica brothers, likes to celebrate his successes and has had plenty of opportunity to. He made 32 of 39 field goals and all 32 of his extra points last year. The Bucs were set to re-sign Tom Tupa to punt for them again at press time.

Stecker handles kickoff returns, and averaged 25.2 yards while doing so last season. Karl Williams took care of punts, taking one back for a score. Corey Ivy is fury on special teams, collecting 23 tackles in the process last year.



Capacity: 66,000

Turf: Grass

Tickets: 800-282-0683

Web site: www.buccaneers.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
Tampa Bay	65,629	100	\$44.41	\$3.75	12oz	\$3.25	20oz	\$3.25	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$16.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

Raymond James Stadium



2003 Schedule					
		All Times Eastern			
ate	Opponent	Time			
pt.8	@Philadelphia	9:00			
pt. 14	Carolina	4:05			

Date	opponent opponent	
Sept. 8	@Philadelphia	9:00
Sept. 14	Carolina	4:05
Sept. 21	@Atlanta	1:00
Sept. 28	OPEN DATE	
0ct.6	Indianapolis	9:00
Oct. 12	@Washington	1:00
Oct. 19	@San Francisco	4:15
Oct. 26	Dallas	1:00
Nov. 2	New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 9	@Carolina	1:00
Nov. 16	Green Bay	4:15
Nov. 24	N.Y. Giants	9:00
Nov. 30	@Jacksonville	8:30
Dec.7	@New Orleans	1:00
Dec. 14	Houston	1:00
Dec. 20	Atlanta	1:30
Dec. 28	@Tennessee	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.

QB	Brad Johnson
FB	Mike Alstott

Michael Pittman LT Roman Oben

LG Kerry Jenkins

John Wade

Jason Whittle Kenyatta Walker RT

Keenan McCardell WR Keyshawn Johnson

DEFENSE

Pos.	
LE	Greg Spires
LT	Warren Sapp
NT	Anthony McFarland
RE	Simeon Rice
OLB	Dwayne Rudd
MLB	Shelton Quarles
OLB	Derrick Brooks
CB	Brian Kelly
CB	Ronde Barber

SPECIAL TEAMS

John Lynch **Dwight Smith**

Pos.

SS

P	Tom Tupa
K	Martin Gramatica
PR	Karl Williams
KR	Aaron Stecker

Management

Grade: A

You know all you need to about Gruden, the voungest coach to win the big one. He's also a great recruiter-free agents beg to play for him after one of his phone calls. His staff is superb as well, starting with defensive coordinator Kiffin. And Tampa Bay may have the best D-line coach in football, Rod Marinelli. Just ask Sapp.

The front office bears the stamp of General Manager Rich McKay, who always seems to draft well and does a good job of keeping a talented team viable despite endless salary-cap difficulties. Assistant GM John Idzik helps in that area.

Bottom line

We've talked about the difficulty of repeating as Super Bowl champs. We've also discussed how much stronger the NFC South is going to be this year than last.

That said, do you want to bet against these Bucs? Even if it's likely that some other team will emerge to take the trophy, Tampa Bay still seems to have all the pieces in place. The re-signings of Quarles and Oben were particularly important, and newcomers Rudd, Wade and Whittle will help.

So here comes the cast of characters again-Sapp and Rice, Lynch and Barber, Johnson and Johnson.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Jon Gruden, head coach

Richard Bisaccia, special teams; Monte Kiffin, defensive coordinator; Richard Mann, wide receivers; Rod Marinelli, assistant head coach/defensive line; Mike Morris, assistant strength and conditioning; Raheem Morris, defensive quality control; Bill Muir, offensive coordinator/offensive line; Garrett Giemont, strength and conditioning; Stan Parrish, quarterbacks; Mike Tomlin, defensive backs; Art Valero, tight ends; Kirby Wilson, running backs

14	Johnson, Brad	QB	HT 6-5	WT 226	BORN 09/13/1968	EXP.	COLLEGE Florida State
10	King, Shaun	QB	6-1	225	05/29/1977		Tulane
15	Miller, Jim	QB	6-2	225	02/09/1971		Michigan State
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66	OFFENSIVE LINE	(HT 6-1	WT 242	BORN 11/11/1977	EXP.	COLLEGE South Florida
60	Benjamin, Ryan Coleman, Cosey	G	6-4	322	10/27/1978		Tennessee
64	Goodspeed, Dan	G	6-6	300	05/20/1977		Kent State
74	Green, Cornell	G	6-6	315	08/25/1976		Central Florida
71	Jenkins, Kerry	G	6-5	305	09/06/1973		Troy State
72	Oben, Roman	T	6-4	305	10/09/1972		Louisville
-	Wade, John	Ċ	6-5	299	01/25/1975		Marshall
67	Walker, Kenyatta	T	6-5	302	02/01/1979		Florida
79	White, Mitch	T	6-4	311	03/25/1978		Oregon State
66	Whittle, Jason	G	6-4	305	03/07/1975		Southwest Missour
#	RUNNING BACKS	100	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
40	Alstott, Mike	RB	6-1	248	12/21/1973		Purdue
30	Barnes, Darian	RB	6-2	250	02/29/1980		Hampton
43	Cook, Jameel	RB	5-10	237	02/08/1979	2	Illinois
32	Pittman, Michael	RB	6-1	218	08/14/1975		Fresno State
27	Stecker, Aaron	RB	5-10	205	11/13/1975	3	Western Illinois
36	Stephens, Travis	RB	5-8	194	06/26/1978	1	Tennessee
36	Taylor, Tony	RB	5-9	191	03/09/1978	1	Northwestern State
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
89	Crawford, Casey	TE	6-6	255	08/01/1977		Virginia
85	Dilger, Ken	TE	6-5	250	02/02/1971	8	Illinois
88	Dudley, Rickey	TE	6-6	255	07/15/1972	8	Ohio State
19	Johnson, Keyshawn	WR	6-4	212	07/22/1972		Southern California
83	Jurevicius, Joe	WR	6-5	230	12/23/1974	5	Penn State
81	Lee, Charles	WR	6-2	210	11/19/1977	3	Central Florida
87	McCardell, Keenan	WR	6-1	191	01/06/1970	11	UNLV
89	Ojo, Onomo	WR	6-4	205	06/03/1977	0	California-Davis
82	Walker, Marquise	WR	6-2	219	12/11/1978	0	Michigan
41	Wilcox, Daniel	TE	6-1	229	03/23/1977	1	Appalachian State
86	Williams, Karl	WR	5-10	177	04/10/1971	7	Texas A&M-Kingsvi
80	Yoder, Todd	TE	6-4	250	03/18/1978	3	Vanderbilt
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	200	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Claybrooks, DeVone	DT	6-3	292	09/15/1977	1	East Carolina
91	Darby, Chartric	DT	6-1	270	10/22/1975	2	South Carolina Stat
90	Gurley, Buck	DT	6-2	295	04/07/1978	1	Florida
92	McFarland, Anthony	DT	6-0	300	12/18/1977		LSU
97	Rice, Simeon	DE	6-5	268	02/24/1974	7	Illinois
99	Sapp, Warren	DT	6-2	303	12/19/1972	8	Miami (FL)
98	Smith, Corey	DE	6-2	250	11/02/1979		North Carolina Stat
94	Spires, Greg	DE	6-1	265	08/12/1974	5	Florida State
95	Warner, Ron	DE	6-2	248	09/26/1975		Kansas
96	Wyms, Ellis	DE	6-3	279	04/12/1979	2	Mississippi State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Barber, Ronde	CB	5-10	184	04/07/1975		Virginia
38	Howell, John	S	5-11	204	04/28/1978		Colorado State
35	Ivy, Corey	CB	5-8	183	03/29/1977	2	Oklahoma
25	Kelly, Brian	CB	5-11	193	01/14/1976		Southern California
47	Lynch, John	S	6-2	220	09/25/1971	10	Stanford
22	Merrill, Than	S	6-2	212	12/12/1977		Yale
23	Phillips, Jermaine	S	6-1	214	03/27/1979		Georgia
29	Rooths, James	CB	5-11	210	09/03/1976		Shepherd
26	Smith, Dwight	CB	5-10	201	08/13/1978		Akron
31	Wansley, Tim	CB	5-8	180	11/11/1978		Georgia
#	LINEBACKERS	1.0	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
55	Brooks, Derrick	LB	6-1	235	04/18/1973		Florida State
53	Quarles, Shelton	LB	6-1	225	09/11/1971	6	Vanderbilt
56	Nece, Ryan	LB	6-3	224	02/24/1979		UCLA
57	Rudd, Dwayne	LB	6-2	235	02/03/1976		Alabama
59	Smith, Justin	LB	6-1	218	06/05/1979		Indiana Miami (EL)
52	Webster, Nate White, Clayton	LB LB	6-1 5-11	230 225	11/29/1977 12/02/1977		Miami (FL) North Carolina Stat
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7	KICKERS Gramatica, Martin	K	HT 5-8	WT 170	BORN 11/27/1975	EXP.	COLLEGE Kansas State
9	Tupa, Tom	P	6-4	225	02/06/1966		Ohio State
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DD.	PICK NAME		2003	POS	AFTEES HT WT	BORN	COLLEGE
RD 2	PICK NAME 32 White, Dew	ayne		DE	6-2 273	10/19/79	Louisville
3	33 Simms, Chr			QB	6-4 220	08/29/80	Texas
						00/12/70	Wast Western

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
2	32	White, Dewayne	DE	6-2	273	10/19/79	Louisville
3	33	Simms, Chris	QB	6-4	220	08/29/80	Texas
4	33	Nimmo, Lance	T	6-5	303	09/13/79	West Virginia
4	36	King, Austin	C	6-3	299	04/11/81	Northwestern
5	33	Mahan, Sean	G	6-3	301	05/28/80	Notre Dame
6	32	Cox, Torrie	СВ	5-9	181	10/29/80	Pittsburgh



FALCONS

Falcons will fly as high as outlandish Vick can take them

Secondary provides biggest concern for Reeves

irst of all, let's make sure Falcons quarter-back Michael Vick is comfortable. Atlanta has replaced the Georgia Dome's artificial turf with a softer, more yielding variety known as Field Turf, to make sure Vick has a more amenable landing after each of his spectacular scrambles. And who can blame the team for that? Vick is arguably the most effective offensive weapon in football. Keeping him healthy should be priority No. 1.

If he remains so, look for the Falcons to sprint into the playoffs again. Atlanta remained competitive after dancing its way through the salary-cap difficulties that invariably plague teams that start to win. Which means the Falcons will win again.

Offensive line Grade: C+

This group is solid at the tackles, where veterans Todd Weiner and Bob Whitfield hold forth, but less experienced inside. That made the re-signing of two-year starting center Todd McClure an important step.

McClure and his linemates helped the Falcons to a team-record 23 rushing touchdowns a year ago. The guards, both young, will be Kynan Forney and Travis Claridge. Roberto Garza is a capable backup who can play several positions.

Quarterback Grade: A

What do we even need to say here? Vick is taking the position to a whole new level. He has a cannon arm and dancing feet, and he can beat you—make that kill you—with either the pass or the run. Last season, he threw for 2,936 yards and 16 TDs while being intercepted just eight times. But the scary part—for linebackers, at least—came when he decided to run. Vick rushed for 777 yards and averaged a whopping 6.9 yards a carry. It would have been higher still, but eight of his rushes were stopped by the end zone.

Many observers worry that Vick will run himself into an injury, but his luck has held so far. And should he go down, Atlanta has a capable backup in Doug Johnson.

Running backs

Grade: B

Perhaps the Falcons will most miss a man that casual fans heard little about, fullback Bob Christian, an outstanding blocker who was forced to retire because of concussions.

Somebody has to knock people down to make holes for running backs Warrick Dunn (927 yards rushing) and T.J. Duckett (507). The Falcons are hoping that fourth-round pick Justin Griffith can be that blocker. He'll compete with George Layne for the job.

Atlanta also hopes it can keep the D&D boys healthy so it can get them on the field at the same time. Dunn's shiftiness is a nice counterpoint to the power of the 254-pound Duckett.

Receivers

Grade: B+

The Falcons' top offseason priority was to add some speed to this unit to take advantage of Vick's explosive arm with more deep patterns. Adding Peerless Price and quick-as-a-blink MarTay Jenkins (21 catches with Arizona) was the perfect solution. Price should take over as Vick's favorite target; he caught 94 passes for 1,252 yards and nine TDs with Buffalo last season.

That will ease the pressure on Brian Finneran (56 catches, 838 yards, 6 TDs), a steady possession receiver forced into the No. 1 role last season. Trevor Gaylor and Quentin McCord have potential, but must hang on to the ball.

Tight end is in good shape with the huge hands of Alge Crumpler, who had 36 catches for 455 yards and five scores in 2002.

Defensive line

Grade: C+

Tackle may be the weak spot of the defense. Coach Dan Reeves had to talk Ellis Johnson (7 sacks) out of retiring, and the experienced Ed Jasper is coming off of back surgery. Travis Hall is 31, and had a hernia repaired in the offseason. The Falcons could use a bigger tackle to tie things up a bit more in the middle.

Now the good news. It's tough to find a defensive end better than Patrick Kerney, who has had 22.5 sacks the past two years and likes to sing karaoke when he's not blowing by tackles. Brady Smith (6.5 sacks in '02) is capable and experienced at the other end, and Ronald Flemons provides backup help.

Linebacker

Grade: B+

FALCON FACT Atlanta shut out the Carolina

This position is a team strength, the anchor of the 3-4 defense and built around inside 'backers Keith Brooking and Chris Draft. Brooking, a 245-pound buzz saw, was second in the NFC with 110 tackles.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Kevin Dogins, OG (UFA-CHI) Cory Hall, FS

(CIN)

Lamont Hall, TE (UFA-NO) MarTay Jenkins, WR

(UFA-ARI)
Tod McBride, CB

(UFA-GB)

Keith Newman, LB (UFA-BUF)

Peerless Price, WR (trade-BUF)

Twan Russell, LB

Tyrone Williams, CB (GB)

MILIMPEDS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	345.9	14
Rushing	148.0	4
Passing	197.9	23
Scoring	402	5
Punt Returns	10.2	13
Kick Returns	22.3	12
Red Zone TD %	46.7	25
Total Defense	333.4	19
Against Rush	127.9	23
Against Pass	205.4	16
Points Allowed	314	8
Interceptions	24	3t
Sacks	47	3
Turnover Diff.	+12	5t
First Downs Total Rush	Pass P	enalty
316 123	163	30
Red Zone Offen: Poss. Pts.	TD TD	FG

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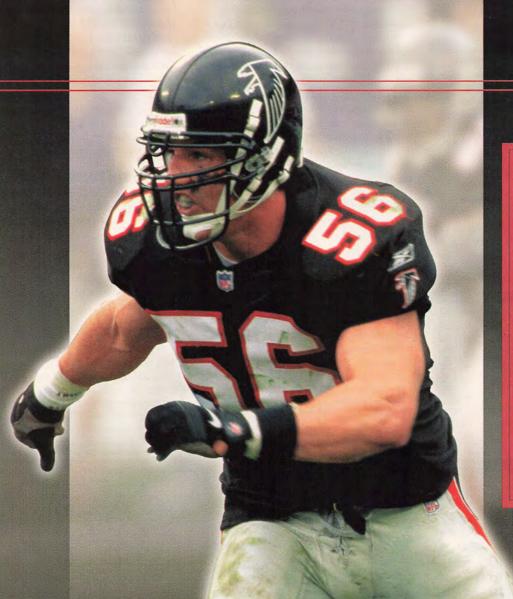
Def.

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Rush

Touchdowns

Pass Ret.



Keith Howard **BROOKING**

Hometown: Senoia, Ga.

Birthday: 0ct. 30, 1975

College: Georgia Tech

NFL Experience: 5 years

Family Ties: 3 brothers and sisters

Bet you didn't know that ...
Keith has a 180-pound mastiff
named Butkus and a black
labrador called Nobis, both
named after two of the most
feared linebackers in their day,
Dick Butkus and ex-Falcon
great Tommy Nobis

KEITH BROOKING

2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 6, Tied 1

	DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
	09/08	L	34-37	at Green Bay
	09/15	L	13-14	Chicago
	09/22	W	30-3	Cincinnati
	10/06	L	6-20	Tampa Bay
	10/13	W	17-10	at New York Giants
	10/20	W	30-0	Carolina
	10/27	W	37-35	at New Orleans
	11/03	W	20-17	Baltimore
	11/10	T	34-34 (OT)	at Pittsburgh
	11/17	W	24-17	New Orleans
	11/24	W	41-0	at Carolina
	12/01	W	30-24 (OT)	at Minnesota
	12/08	L	10-34	at Tampa Bay
	12/15	L	24-30 (OT)	Seattle
	12/22	W	36-15	Detroit
	12/29	L	16-24	at Cleveland
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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dunn	230	927	4.0	59t	7
Vick	113	777	6.9	46t	8
Duckett	130	507	3.9	33	4
Christian	31	119	3.8	16	3
Jervey	10	17	1.7	9	0
Johnson	8	16	2.0	15t	1
Layne	1	5	5.0	5	0
Falcons	523	2368	4.5	59t	23
Opponents	441	2047	4.6	64t	12

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RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Finneran	56	838	15.0	47	6
Dunn	50	377	7.5	31t	2
Crumpler	36	455	12.6	33	5
Jefferson	27	394	14.6	63	1
Gaylor	25	385	15.4	74t	3
Jackson	18	199	11.1	29	0
Kelly	14	162	11.6	33	0
Christian	13	174	13.4	55	0
McCord	11	253	23.0	60	1
Duckett	9	61	6.8	20	0
Kozlowski	6	59	9.8	14	0
Layne	2	11	5.5	6	0
Weiner	1	0	0	0	0
Falcons	268	3384	12.6	74t	18
Opponents	285	3585	12.6	76t	23

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Vick	421	231	2936	16	8
Johnson	57	37	448	2	3
Mohr	1	0	0	0	1
Falcons	479	268	3384	18	12
Opponents	514	285	3585	23	24

Kerney 10.5, Johnson 7.0, Rogers 6.5, Smith 6.5, Thierry 4.0, Draft 3.5, Stewart 3.0, Jasper 2.0, Carty 1.0, Hall 1.0, Halecek 1.0, McBurrows 0.5

Falcons 47.0, Opponents 36.0

t=touchdown

98 of them solo. The speedy Draft is a bit undersized at 5-11, but you'd never believe it watching him play. There's not much depth behind the pair, though.

Strongside linebacker Matt Stewart ties up opponents to slow the run, and weakside man Will Overstreet is back after missing virtually all of last season following shoulder surgery. Sam Rogers, a starter with 6.5 sacks last year, was a free agent at press time, as was John Thierry, and the Falcons were attempting to replace them by adding Buffalo free agent Keith Newman.

Secondary

Grade: C

The decision to cut Ashley Ambrose left the Falcons in bad shape at cornerback, but they grabbed a few free agents of their own. Then they spent their first draft pick (No. 55 overall) on Penn State's Bryan Scott, who may eventually replace starting corner Ray Buchanan.

Tyrone Williams was nabbed from Green Bay, and should start opposite Buchanan. a smart veteran whose physical skills may be eroding. The Falcons built depth at the

T.J. Duckett, RB

position with a last-minute re-signing of Juran Bolden, who played well (41 tackles) as Atlanta's top reserve in the secondary a year ago. Tod McBride and Kevin Mathis will also get playing time.

Keion Carpenter (4 INTs last year) is back at free safety and recovered from neck problems. The Falcons are giving the strong safety spot to Cory Hall, a free agent from the Bengals. He'll be backed up by Gerald McBurrows, who also excels on special teams.

Special teams

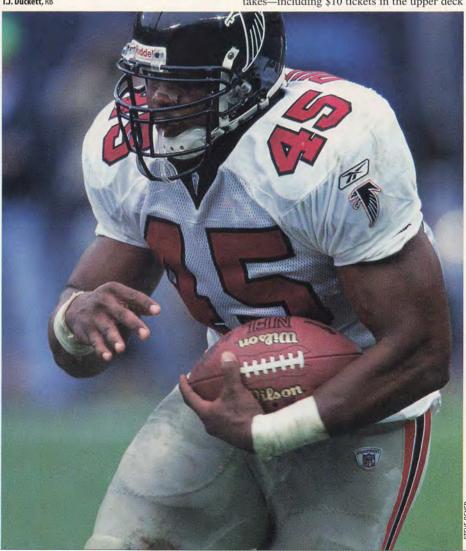
Kicker Jay Feely made 32 of 40 field goals a year ago, provides the added bonus of booming consistently deep kickoffs. Punter Chris Mohr does a good job, and averaged 41.9 yards a kick last season.

Ex-Cardinal receiver Jenkins, who can almost fly, is expected to take over the kick returns. Travis Jervey is a potent specialteams gunner.

Management

Grade: B

Owner Arthur Blank doesn't personally pick the players or call the plays, but he sets the tone for the franchise, doing everything it takes-including \$10 tickets in the upper deck



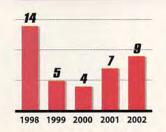
Georgia Dome

Capacity: 71,228 Turf: Artificial Tickets: (404) 223-8000

Web site: www.atlantafalcons.com

TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Cap
Atlanta	68,872	96.7	\$29.78	\$4.75	16oz	\$3.00	24oz	\$2.75	\$8.00	\$4.00	\$12.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	180z	\$2.98	19oz	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003	Schedule	
Date	Opponent	All Times Eastern Time
Sept. 7	@Dallas	4:15
Sept. 14	Washington	1:00
Sept. 21	Tampa Bay	1:00
Sept. 28	@Carolina	1:00
Oct. 5	Minnesota	1:00
Oct. 13	@St. Louis	9:00
Oct. 19	New Orleans	1:00
Oct. 26	OPEN DATE	
Nov. 2	Philadelphia	4:15
Nov. 9	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Nov. 16	@New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 23	Tennessee	4:15
Nov. 30	@Houston	1:00
Dec.7	Carolina	8:30
Dec. 14	@Indianapolis	1:00
Dec. 20	@Tampa Bay	1:30
Dec. 28	Jacksonville	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

Pos.

QB	Michael Vick
FB	George Layne
RB	Warrick Dunn
LT	Bob Whitfield
LG	Travis Claridge
C	Todd McClure
RG	Kynan Forney
RT	Todd Weiner
TE	Alge Crumpler
WR	Brian Finneran
WR	Peerless Price

DEFENSE

DEF	FINDE
Pos.	
LE	Patrick Kerney
NT	Ellis Johnson
RE	Brady Smith
OLB	Matt Stewart
ILB	Chris Draft
ILB	Keith Brooking
OLB	Will Overstreet
CB	Ray Buchanan
CB	Tyrone Williams
SS	Cory Hall
FS	Keion Carpenter

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Chris Mohr
K	Jay Feely
PR	Allen Rossum
KR	MarTay Jenkins

last year—to build fan interest in a city where such feelings were once nonexistent.

Reeves is an experienced and competent head coach, complemented by a veteran staff that includes outstanding defensive coordinator Wade Phillips.
Reeves' players like him, which helps in the locker room. Ron Hill, the team's vice president of football operations, has gained more authority recently, particularly in the area of acquiring players.

Bottom line

The Falcons are doing everything they can to get your attention. The latest move is a new logo and new uniforms. Blank said the team wanted "a fresh look."

Atlanta will wear black jerseys and white pants at home, and white on white on the road. The pants have red piping down the side, which expands at the knee for a fast, streamlined look—as if Vick needs that.

And that's the gist of it; all the flashy unis in the world won't help if Vick is injured or ceases to develop. This is a franchise that is unequivocally tied to its franchise player.

Count on this: A healthy Vick, with his new brace of jets to throw to, will carry the Falcons into the playoffs. Maybe a long way in.

FINAL GRADE:

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ATLANTA FALCONS

Dan Reeves, head coach

Dennis Allen, defensive quality control; Marvin Bass, assistant to head coach/pro personnel; Mike Johnson, quarterbacks; Rocky Colburn, assistant strength and conditioning; James Daniel, tight ends; Billy Davis, linebackers; Joe DeCamillis, special teams; Bill Johnson, defensive line; George Stewart, which erceivers; Pete Mangurian, offensive coordinator; Al Miller, strength and conditioning; Wade Phillips, defensive coordinator; Warren Simmons, assistant offensive line; Emmitt Thomas, secondary; Bill Lazor, offensive quality control; Ollie Wilson, running backs

_	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Johnson, Doug	QB	6-2	225	10/27/1977	3	Florida
15	Kittner, Kurt	QB	6-2	221	01/23/1980	0	Illinois
7	Vick, Michael	QB	6-1	215	06/26/1980	2	Virginia Tech
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
64	Bibla, Martin	G	6-3	306	10/04/1979	1	Miami (FL)
71	Claridge, Travis	G	6-5	300	03/23/1978	3	Southern California
73	Dogins, Kevin	(6-1	310	12/07/1972	5	Texas A&M-Kingsville
79 65	Farris, Kris	T G	6-8 6-2	318 305	03/26/1977	1 2	UCLA Hawaii
63	Forney, Kynan Garza, Roberto	(6-2	296	09/08/1978 03/02/1979	2	Texas A&M-Kingsville
69	Hicks, Robert	T	6-7	330	11/17/1974	3	Mississippi State
69	Malano, Mike	G	6-2	304	10/16/1976	0	San Diego State
62	McClure, Todd	(6-1	286	02/16/1977	3	LSU
76	Shaffer, Kevin	T	6-5	290	03/02/1980	1	Tulsa
74	Weiner, Todd	T	6-4	297	09/16/1975	5	Kansas State
70	Whitfield, Bob	T	6-5	310	10/18/1971	11	Stanford
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
45	Duckett, T.J.	RB	6-1	254	02/17/1981	1	Michigan State
28	Dunn, Warrick	RB	5-9	180	01/05/1975	6	Florida State
36	Jervey, Travis	RB	6-1	222	05/05/1972	8	Citadel
38	Layne, George	RB	6-1	245	10/09/1978	2	Texas Christian
#	RECEIVERS	1	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Collins, Bobby	TE	6-4	246	08/26/1976	3	North Alabama
83	Crumpler, Alge	TE	6-2	262	12/23/1977	2	North Carolina
87	Farris, Jimmy	WR	6-1	200	04/13/1978	0	Montana
86	Finneran, Brian	WR	6-5	210	01/31/1976	4	Villanova
81	Gaylor, Trevor	WR	6-3	195	11/03/1977	3	Miami (OH)
81	Hall, Lamont	TE	6-4	260	11/16/1974	4	Clemson
82	Jenkins, MarTay	WR	6-1	206	02/28/1975	4	Nebraska-Omaha
85	Kozlowski, Brian	TE	6-3	250	10/04/1970	9	Connecticut
88 81	McCord, Quentin Price, Peerless	WR WR	5-10 5-11	188 190	06/26/1978 10/27/1976	2	Kentucky Tennessee
48	Rackley, Derek	TE	6-4	250	07/18/1977	3	Minnesota
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77	Plemons, Ronald	DE	HT 6-5	WT 265	BORN 10/20/1979	EXP.	Texas A&M
98	Hall, Travis	DE	6-5	295	08/03/1972	8	Brigham Young
95	Jasper, Edward	NT	6-2	293	01/18/1973	6	Texas A&M
61	Johnson, Ellis	DT	6-2	288	10/30/1973	8	Florida
97	Kerney, Patrick	DE	6-5	273	12/30/1976	4	Virginia
91	Smith, Brady	DE	6-5	274	06/05/1973	7	Colorado State
79	Watson, Ryan	DT	6-2	291	11/25/1978	0	Appalachian State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
34	Buchanan, Ray	CB	5-9	186	09/29/1971	10	Louisville
29	Carpenter, Keion	5	5-11	205	10/31/1977	4	Virginia Tech
35	Carty, Johndale	5	6-1	196	08/27/1977	4	Utah State
26	Hall, Cory	5	6-1	213	12/05/1976	4	Fresno State
23	Mathis, Kevin	CB	5-9	185	04/29/1974	6	Texas A&M-Commer
27	McBride, Tod	CB	6-1	208	01/26/1976	4	UCLA
22	McBurrows, Gerald	S	5-11	208	10/07/1973	8	Kansas
47	McCadam, Kevin	S	6-1	219	03/06/1979	1	Virginia Tech
20	Rossum, Allen Settles, Tawambi	CB S	5-8 6-2	178 190	10/22/1975	5	Notre Dame Duke
24	Weary, Fred	CB	5-10	181	01/19/1976 04/12/1974	5	Florida
37	Williams, Tyrone	CB	5-11	193	05/31/1973	7	Nebraska
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#	LINEBACKERS	LD	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
56 54	Brooking, Keith Draft, Chris	LB LB	6-2 5-11	245 232	10/30/1975 02/26/1976	5	Georgia Tech Stanford
53	Newman, Keith	LB	6-2	248	01/19/1977	4	North Carolina
	Overstreet, Will	LB	6-2	259	10/07/1979	1	Tennessee
	Riley, Karon	LB	6-2	268	08/23/1978	2	Minnesota
90		LB	6-1	230	04/25/1974	6	Miami (FL)
	Russell, Twan		6-3	232	08/31/1979	2	Vanderbilt
90 51	Russell, Twan Stewart, Matt	LB	0.5		07/20/1072	4	William Chair
90 51 56		LB LB	6-3	247	07/30/1973	4	Valdosta State
90 51 56 52 50	Stewart, Matt Ulmer, Artie		6-3				COLLEGE
90 51 56 52	Stewart, Matt			247 WT 206	BORN 05/23/1976	EXP.	
90 51 56 52 50	Stewart, Matt Ulmer, Artie KICKERS	LB	6-3 HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
90 51 56 52 50	Stewart, Matt Ulmer, Artie KICKERS Feely, Jay	K P	6-3 HT 5-10 6-5	WT 206 215	BORN 05/23/1976 05/11/1966	EXP.	COLLEGE Michigan
90 51 56 52 50	Stewart, Matt Ulmer, Artie KICKERS Feely, Jay	K P	6-3 HT 5-10 6-5	WT 206 215	BORN 05/23/1976	EXP.	COLLEGE Michigan

Mississippi State

Cincinnati

Alabama

Tennessee

07/21/80

08/24/80

08/15/80

04/11/79

08/11/81

5-11

5-10

232

223

RB

WR

WR 5-11 196

Scott, Bryan

Griffith, Justin

Dunbar, LaTarence



PANTHERS

With a fearsome 'D' and rebuilt offense, Panthers could be NFC's surprise team

Additions of Davis, Gross, Delhomme could prove key

his franchise is a far cry from the inept 1-15 team that second-year coach John Fox inherited last year. Fox made improving the bottom-feeding defense a priority and, with the help of thendefensive coordinator Jack Del Rio, pushed the unit up the rankings from 31st to second overall. The Panthers rode that "D" to a 7-9 record that included four wins in their last five games.

Expect progress to continue this fall. The Panthers' brain trust targeted the offense, mediocre at best in 2002, and revamped it dramatically. When the season opens, the unit could feature as many as five new starters.

Fox adhered to the old "if-it-ain't-broke, don't-fix-it" adage with the defense, even promoting in-house when Del Rio left to become head coach at Jacksonville. The new coordinator is Mike Trgovac, formerly boss of the D-line.

Offensive line

It was obvious the team was serious about solidifying this area when the Panthers spent their first-round draft pick (No. 8 overall) on Utah's Jordan Gross, considered the top tackle available. Gross should ease into the starting job on the right side, filling a hole that was a problem since the release of Chris Terry (he was involved in domestic-abuse court proceedings) in the middle of last season.

Gross is expected to move to the more difficult left side in a couple of years, but for now that continues to be manned by former All-Pro Todd Steussie, who will turn 33 in December. Center is solid in the hands of Jeff Mitchell, who might have been Carolina's best lineman a year ago.

The Panthers didn't stop with Gross. They took Iowa center Bruce Nelson with their second pick. He'll back up at center and also get work at guard. Free agent Doug Brzezinski is expected to replace the departed Jamar Nesbit at left guard, while veteran Kevin Donnalley returns for possibly his last season on the right side.

Quarterback

Grade: C

The Panthers re-signed veteran Rodney Peete, who did a workmanlike job (completing 223 of 381 passes, 15 TDs, 14 INTs) after expected starter Chris Weinke self-destructed in the preseason. But Peete is 37, and many expect Jake Delhomme, the former backup in New Orleans, to take control, if not in training camp, at some time during the season.

Peete won't go quietly; he enjoyed starting last year for the first time since 1998 and plans on battling to keep the job. But Delhomme is the designated "quarterback of the future," and will be given an opportunity to take charge.

Weinke is also still around and will battle Randy Fasani for backup work. Don't expect all four QBs to be on the roster come opening day.

Running backs

Last season, the Panthers picked up Lamar Smith as a free agent and drafted DeShaun Foster, thinking they had built a strong running attack. Knee problems, though, kept Foster off the field all year. And although Smith started fast, minor injuries slowed him and then a DWI finished him. He was suspended for the season's final five games.

Carolina let Smith go and replaced him with former Redskins star Stephen Davis, a power runner who was lost last season in Washington's Air Spurrier attack. But Davis has a history of 1,000-yard rushing seasons, and Fox will make the power running game the focal point of this offense. Expect Davis, who hails from nearby Spartanburg, S.C., to make a dramatic return to form.

The Panthers hope that Foster can provide the lightning to Davis' thunder, but they won't be sure of his recovery until he takes a few hits in camp.

Receivers

Grade: C+

With 12 sacks in the 2002 season, Defensive-

PANTHER FACT

Last season, the Panthers often had just two reliable receivers-veteran Muhsin Muhammad and second-year man Steve Smith-to turn to. They addressed that deficiency with the addition of Kevin Dyson and third-down possession receiver Ricky Proehl in free agency. Look for Dyson to make a push to start, but all four players will see plenty of action.

While still not a great unit, the wideouts don't really have to be; they merely need to contribute enough to take the pressure off the ground game.

Carolina used the draft in attempting to find a replacement at tight end for Wesley Walls, who was not re-signed, and took UCLA's Mike Seidman in the third round. His primary role will be to block, and he must beat out Kris Mangum, a reserve who saw considerable playing time in 2002.



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

▶ Doug Brzezinski, OL (UFA-PHI)

Jake Delhomme, QB (UFA-NO)

► Kevin Dyson, WR (UFA-TEN)

► Greg Favors, LB (UFA-BUF)

► Ricky Proehl, WR (UFA-STL)

Stephen Davis, RB (WAS)

QUOTABLE

"If we could move into the middle of the league on offense and play defense as we did last year, improvement should be reflected."

> -Panthers GM Marty Hurney

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	267.5	31
Rushing	99.1	25
Passing	168.4	30
Scoring	258	30
Punt Returns	8.5	21
Kick Returns	20.1	28
Red Zone TD %	48.7	22
Total Defense	290.4	2
Against Rush	103.3	8
Against Pass	187.1	4
Points Allowed	302	5
Interceptions	17	15t
Sacks	52	2
Turnover Diff.	-7	23t

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otal	Rush	Pass	Penalty
238	82	133	23
Red Zo	ne Offer	ise	-
oss.	Pts.	TD	FG
39	158	19	8
ouchd	owns		
Rush	Pass	Ret.	Def.
11	15	2	2

Todd SAUERBRUN

Hometown:

Setauket, N.Y.

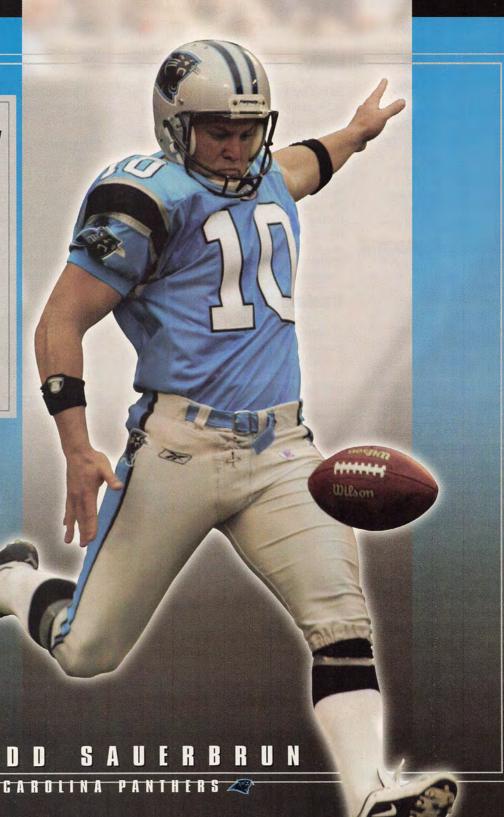
Birthday: Jan. 4, 1973

College: West Virginia

NFL Experience: 8 years

Family Ties: Daughter, Brooke

Bet you didn't know that ... Todd was an All-American lacrosse player at Ware Melville High School (Setauket, N.Y.)



2002 FINAL STATS Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	W	10-7	Baltimore
09/15	W	31-7	Detroit
09/22	W	21-14	at Minnesota
09/29	L	14-17	at Green Bay
10/06	L	13-16	Arizona
10/13	L	13-14	at Dallas
10/20	L	0-30	at Atlanta
10/27	L	9-12	Tampa Bay
11/10	L	24-34	New Orleans
11/17	L	10-23	at Tampa Bay
11/24	L	0-41	Atlanta
12/01	W	13-6	at Cleveland
12/08	W	52-31	Cincinnati
12/15	L	14-30	at Pittsburgh
12/22	W	24-14	Chicago
12/29	W	10-6	at New Orleans

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
L. Smith	209	737	3.5	59	7
Brown	102	360	3.5	24	4
Goings	50	188	3.8	20	0
Hoover	31	129	4.2	11	0
Fasani	18	95	5.3	19	0
Muhammad	3	40	13.3	20	0
Montgomery	7	20	2.9	5	0
Peete	22	14	0.6	10	0
Weinke	5	9	1.8	13	0
Smart	1	2	2.0	2	0
Daniel and	452	1506	2.5		11

Panthers	452	1586	3.5	59	11
Opponents	448	1653	3.7	44t	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Muhammad	63	823	13.1	42	3
S. Smith	54	872	16.1	69	3
L. Smith	20	167	8.4	58	0
Walls	19	241	12.7	27	4
Goings	18	91	5.1	14	.0
Hoover	17	187	11.0	33	2
Brown	17	86	5.1	15	1
Mangum	16	159	9.9	35	0
Byrd	14	164	11.7	31t	1
Hankton	9	146	16.2	31	0
Wiggins	8	45	5.6	17	1
Panthers	255	2981	11.7	69	15

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Peete	381	223	2630	15	14
Weinke	38	17	180	0	3
Fasani	44	15	171	0	4
Panthers	464	255	2981	15	22
Opponents	522	293	3329	18	17

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SACKS

Opponents 293

Peppers 12.0, Rucker 10.0, Fields 7.5, Jenkins 7.0, Buckner 5.0, Wallace 3.0, Witherspoon 1.5, Burton 1.0, Cousin 1.0, Gilbert 1.0, Howard 1.0, Minter 1.0, Morgan 1.0

Panthers 52.0, Opponents 44.0

t=touchdown

Defensive line

This bunch was the anchor of the team last season. Defensive end Julius Peppers, the 2002 draft's No. 2 overall pick, lived up to the hype, totaling 12 sacks in 12 games before having his season end with a violation of the league's substance-abuse policy (ephedra was the culprit). Peppers is quick and powerful and on track to be one of the NFL's best ever at his position. His arrival kept opponents from concentrating on fellow end Mike Rucker, who reached double figures in sacks for the first time.

Second-year defensive tackle Kris Jenkins also made great strides, and teamed with veteran Brentson Buckner (who also sat for four games due to substance abuse) to give the line a rugged interior. All four starters return, along with solid reserves Al Wallace and Shane Burton. Barring injury, this unit should offer opposing offensive coordinators a study in intimidation.

Linebackers

Grade: B

Grade: A+

The grade here will vary with the health of middle linebacker Dan Morgan. A rare combination of speed and power when he's intact, Morgan has been injured off and on in his two seasons with Carolina. There is some concern that he isn't durable enough to play in the middle, but if he can stay healthy there, he can be a Pro Bowler.

Julius Peppers, DE



Strongside man Mark Fields was a pleasant surprise. Acquired as a free agent, he responded with a career-high and team-leading 127 tackles, including 7.5 sacks. He'll be counted on again to steady the unit. Weakside linebacker Will Witherspoon opened eyes as a rookie, filling in adequately for Morgan in the middle occasionally and finishing the season with 88 stops.

Depth will come from the trio of Lester Towns (battling a foot injury), Brian Allen and Greg Favors.

Secondary

Grade: C

This was considered the weak link of last year's defense, although the team's ferocious front seven covered a lot of deficiencies. Cornerbacks Reggie Howard and Terry Cousin weren't exceptional, but both are hard workers and proved adequate. There had been talk of acquiring a big-time cover corner in the draft, but the key picks were spent on offense. Third-rounder Ricky Manning Jr., out of UCLA, is short but explosive, and could wind up as the nickel back.

Strong safety Mike Minter is a reliable veteran, but free safety Deon Grant had his ups and downs a year ago. Grant had some spectacular games (3 INTs at Minnesota) but was inconsistent.

Special teams

Grade: B

A guy most of you have never heard of could be the key to this unit. Last year Jarrod Cooper had an impact as a gunner before tearing an ACL against Dallas and missing the rest of the season. He's healthy again, as is former Pro Bowl return man Michael Bates, who missed all of 2002 with an injury. Bates is expected to ease the kickreturn burden of Steve Smith, who returned two kickoffs for TDs a year ago.

Another wounded veteran, placekicker John Kasay, returns after missing most of last season following hernia surgery. Kasay will be challenged by Shayne Graham, who followed a critical field-goal miss in Green Bay—his first try as a Panther—by making 13 of his next 17 attempts.

Management

Grade: A

Fox prefers the basics over gimmicks; he wants a sound defense and an offense that keeps the ball while pounding away at the enemy on the ground. A 7-6 victory is just fine, thank you, as long as the "W" has Carolina beside it. Last season, Fox turned his players into believers in his system. Despite eight straight losses at one point, he never lost his players.

General Manager Marty Hurney and Fox worked together smoothly, and seemed to always be on the same page. Last season, Hurney and Fox made a strong statement for a team that has had character issues in the past when they released the talented offensive

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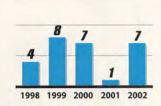
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2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	Jacksonville	1:00
Sept. 14	@Tampa Bay	4:05
Sept. 21	OPEN DATE	
Sept. 28	Atlanta	1:00
Oct. 5	New Orleans	1:00
Oct. 12	@Indianapolis	1:00
Oct. 19	Tennessee	1:00
Oct. 26	@New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 2	@Houston	1:00
Nov. 9	Tampa Bay	1:00
Nov. 16	Washington	1:00
Nov. 23	@Dallas	1:00
Nov. 30	Philadelphia	1:00
Dec. 7	@Atlanta	8:30
Dec. 14	@Arizona	4:15
Dec. 21	Detroit	1:00
Dec. 28	@N.Y. Giants	4:05

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

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Pos.	
QB	Jake Delhomme
FB	Brad Hoover
RB	Stephen Davis
LT	Todd Steussie
LG	Doug Brzezinski
C	Jeff Mitchell
RG	Kevin Donnalley
RT	Jordan Gross
TE	Kris Mangum
WR	Kevin Dyson
WR	Muhsin Muhammad

DEFENSE

os.	
LE	Julius Peppers
LT	Brentson Buckner
RT	Kris Jenkins
RE	Mike Rucker
OLB	Mark Fields
MLB	Dan Morgan
OLB	Will Witherspoon
CB	Terry Cousin
CB	Reggie Howard
SS	Mike Minter
FS	Deon Grant

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Todd Sauerbrun
K	John Kasay
PR	Steve Smith
KR	Michael Bates

tackle Terry during the season after he missed a court date on domestic-abuse charges.

Bottom line

The new-look Panthers should give Fox an offense after his own heart: a solid, ball-controlling unit that eats clock and keeps the imposing defense fresh and rested. Each year, the NFL seems to find a breakthrough team, and Carolina, despite playing in a rugged division, could claim that honor in 2003.

Management did a tremendous job in improving the team through the draft and free agency, focusing on improving the weak offense, with eight significant additions. Delhomme, Davis, Dyson, Proehl and Brzezinski came through free agency, while Gross, Nelson and Seidman were picked up in the draft.

As many as five of the new guys could start on offense, improving a unit that now appears capable of easing the pressure on the defense.

The Panthers didn't overspend for anyone, and Davis in particular appears to have been a bargain.

Despite the fact that every team in the NFC South is good, are the playoffs in Carolina a possibility? Everyone who works in Ericsson Stadium will be disappointed if the postseason doesn't become a reality this year.

FINAL GRADE:

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CAROLINA PANTHERS

John Fox, head coach

Mike Maser, offensive line; David Magazu, tight ends; Mike Trgovac, defensive coordinator; Dan Henning, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks; Mike McCoy, offensive assistant; Sam Mills, linebackers; Scott O'Brien, assistant head coach/special teams; Rod Perry, secondary; Ken Flajole, defensive assistant; Jerry Simmons, strength and conditioning; Jim Skipper, running backs; Sal Suseri, defensive line; Richard Williamson, wide receivers

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Delhomme, Jake	QB	6-2	205		10/1975	2	S.W. Louisiana Stanford
12	Fasani, Randy Peete, Rodney	QB QB	6-3	234		18/1978 16/1966	13	Southern California
16	Weinke, Chris	QB	6-4	232		31/1972	2	Florida State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Brzezinski, Doug	G	6-4	305	03/	11/1976	4	Boston College
65	Donnalley, Kevin	G	6-5	310		10/1968	12	North Carolina
74	Fletcher, Derrick	G	6-6	350		09/1975	2	Baylor
78	James, Jeno	G	6-3	310		12/1977	3	Auburn Florida
60 75	Mitchell, Jeff Steussie, Todd	(6-4	300 308		/29/1974 /01/1970	9	California
62	Stuber, Tim	Ġ	6-5	315		02/1978	ó	Colorado State
73	Tuten, Melvin	T	6-7	320		11/1971	6	Syracuse
66	Williams, Louis	C	6-4	291		/11/1979	1	LŚU
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Bates, Michael	RB	5-10	189		19/1969	9	Arizona
22	Brown, Dee	RB	5-10	209		/12/1978	1 7	Syracuse
48	Davis, Stephen Foster, DeShaun	RB RB	6-1 6-0	230 222		/01/1974 /10/1980	7	Auburn UCLA
37	Goings, Nick	RB	6-1	225		26/1978	2	Pittsburgh
42	Hicks, Skip	RB	6-1	230		/13/1974		UCLA
45	Hoover, Brad	RB	6-1	242		/11/1976	3	Western Carolina
32	Smart, Rod	RB	5-11	201		09/1977	2	Western Kentucky
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
19	Baker, Eugene	WR	6-2	183	03,	18/1976	1	Kent
83	Black, Nathan	WR	6-1	190		/20/1978	- 1	Northwestern Stat
49	Draper, Shawn	TE	6-3	275		05/1979	0	Alabama
00	Dyson, Kevin	WR	6-1	208		/23/1975	5	Utah Trinity (II.)
88	Hankton, Karl	WR	6-2	202		/24/1970	4	Trinity (IL)
80 17	Heinrich, Keith Jacquet, Nate	TE WR	6-5 6-0	255 185		/19/1979 /02/1975	5	Sam Houston State San Diego State
86	Mangum, Kris	TE	6-4	249		/15/1973	6	Mississippi
43	McMullen, Kirk	TE	6-4	255		/19/1977	1	Pittsburgh
87	Muhammad, Muhsin	WR	6-2	217		/05/1973	7	Michigan State
-	Proehl, Ricky	WR	6-1	190		/07/1968	13	Wake Forest
89	Smith, Steve	WR	5-9	179		/12/1979	2	Utah
84	Wiggins, Jermaine	TE	6-2	255		/18/1975	3	Georgia
18	Yamini, Bashir	WR	6-3	190	-	/10/1977	1	lowa
99	Buckner, Brentson	DT	HT 6-2	WT 305		BORN /30/1971	EXP.	Clemson
98	Burton, Shane	DT	6-6	305		/18/1974		Tennessee
77	Jenkins, Kris	DT	6-4	315		/03/1979		Maryland
97	Mercer, Giradie	DT	6-2	285		/19/1976		Marshall
	Milem, John	DE	6-2 6-7	290		/09/1975	2	Lenoir-Rhyne
98	Miller, Arnold	DE	6-3	255		/03/1975	2	LSU
00	Rasmussen, Kemp	DE	6-3	255		/25/1979	1	Indiana
93	Rucker, Mike	DE	6-5	275		/28/1975	4	Nebraska
91 95	Taves, Josh Wallace, Al	DE DE	6-7 6-5	285 258		/13/1972 /25/1974	4	Northeastern Maryland
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35	Cooper Dake	3	HT 6-3	WT 215	10	BORN /18/1977	EXP.	Notre Dame
40	Cooper, Deke Cooper, Jarrod	5	6-0	210		/31/1978	2	Kansas State
21	Cousin, Terry	CB	5-9	181		/11/1975	6	South Carolina
36	Franklin, Brad	CB	6-1	190		/22/1979	0	Louisiana-Lafayett
27	Grant, Deon	S	6-2	207	03.	/14/1979	2	Tennessee
41	Hampton, William	CB	5-10	190		/07/1975		Murray State
23	Howard, Reggie	CB	6-1	190		/17/1977	3	Memphis
20	Jones, Julian	S	6-1 5-10	190		/08/1977 /15/1074		Missouri Nebraska
30	Minter, Mike Richardson, Damien	5	6-1	188 210		/15/1974 /03/1976		Arizona State
33	Smith, Marquis	5	6-2	213		/13/1975	3	California
29	Wesley, Dante	CB	6-1	211		/05/1979		Arkansas-Pine Blu
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
43	Allen, Brian	LB	6-1	232	04	/01/1978	2	Florida State
	Favors, Greg	LB	6-1	242		/30/1974		Mississippi State
58	Fields, Mark	LB	6-2	244		/09/1972	8	Washington State
56	Kyle, Jason	LB	6-3	242		/12/1972		Arizona State
55	Morgan, Dan Witherspoon Will	LB	6-2	233 234		/19/1978 /19/1980		Miami (FL) Georgia
54	Witherspoon, Will Towns, Lester	LB LB	6-1	252		/19/1980 /28/1977		Washington
								COLLEGE
11	Graham, Shayne	K	HT 6-1	WT 192	12	BORN /09/1977	EXP.	Virginia Tech
4	Kasay, John	K	5-10	198		/27/1969		Georgia
10	Sauerbrun, Todd	P	5-10	211		/04/1973		West Virginia
			2003	DR	AFT	EES		
	PICK NAME			POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
DD.				100	1111	111	DOMIN	COLLEGE
RD 1	8 Gross, Jorda	n		DT	6-4	300	07/20/80	Utah

UCLA

Stanford

Alabama

203

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03/02/80

10/14/78

12/07/79 07/26/80

Mitch Berger, P (UFA-STL)

► Todd Bouman, QB (trade-MIN)

► Ernie Conwell, TE

► Kerwin Cook, WR Chris Finlen, QB

► Wayne Gandy, OT (UFA-PIT)

► Tebucky Jones, TE (trade-NE)

► Orlando Ruff, LB (SD)

QUOTABLE

"I would tell our fans that you got a good, young football team with a lot of skill people and I think you're going to see a lot of good things. I really do." —Saints coach Jim Haslett

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	325.3	19
Rushing	110.4	17
Passing	214.9	16
Scoring	432	3
Punt Returns	13.9	3
Kick Returns	24.8	2
Red Zone TD %	53.4	15t
Total Defense	362.3	27
Against Rush	124.4	19
Against Pass	237.8	27
Points Allowed	388	26
Interceptions	20	7
Sacks	39	17
Turnover Diff.	+8	9

 First Downs

 Total
 Rush
 Pass
 Penalty

 291
 91
 169
 31

 Red Zone Offense
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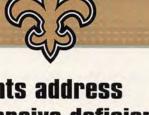
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Saints address defensive deficiencies in hopes of a more balanced approach

Deuce and offense should again be on the loose

o much for tradition. The Saints moved their training camp from sleepy little Thibodaux, La., to the New Orleans suburb of Metairie this year. They liked the ambiance in Thibodaux but were tired of watching practice get rained out, and traded that for an \$8.5 million indoor practice facility.

That said, the fans should quickly forgive the move if the Saints can continue to light up the scoreboard like they did a year ago. In 2002, New Orleans set a franchise record with 432 points on the way to a 9-7 finish. The Saints, though, pulled a nasty little fade-out at the end of the season, losing at home to Carolina in the season finale to miss out on a trip to the playoffs. In the end, the defense was at fault, surrendering an average of 24 points and 362 yards a game. The Saints spent the offseason trying to fix it.

Offensive line

Grade: B

The re-signing of free-agent center Jerry Fontenot, the team's most experienced lineman, was a huge boost. His return was a must for continuity after the noisy departure of talented but verbose left tackle Kyle Turley.

That hole was dramatically filled with the signing of Pittsburgh free agent Wayne Gandy to a six-year deal. Gandy is solid and tough and won't cause near the commotion that Turley did, but he is the team's third left tackle in three years.

The Saints run right a lot, primarily because they have a budding star at right guard in LeCharles Bentley, who could blossom into a perennial Pro Bowler. Former center Kendyl Jacox is expected to start at left guard.

The draft was a help; the Saints claimed two potential starters in tackle Jon Stinchcomb (second round) and guard Montrae Holland (fourth).

Quarterback

Grade: C

There was some talk that starter Aaron Brooks was injured late last season, as his arm strength appeared to dissipate during the Saints' late swoon. Rotator cuff surgery followed, and Brooks is healthy now. If he plays up to his potential, this "C" grade could wind up better, but he still needs to mature some as a leader.

The Saints were unhappy about losing backup Jake Delhomme to Carolina, but snatched up another highly thought of young QB in Todd Bouman from Minnesota.

Running backs

Grade: A

The Deuce is loose. Deuce McAllister can run (1,388 rushing yards), catch (47 receptions) and score (16 TDs). The wide-open Saints attack is built around him and, as long as he stays healthy, New Orleans is an offensive threat.

At fullback, powerful Terrelle Smith is an outstanding blocker, but the Saints' do-anything, anytime offense might be more suited to a more versatile player.

Receivers

Grade: A

Joe Horn squabbled with the team over a contract all the way up to mini-camp, but the deal got done and the spark plug of the Saints' receivers corps is locked and loaded for another season after making 88 catches for 1,312 yards last year.

He's not alone out there. Fellow wideouts Donte' Stallworth (42 receptions for 594 yards and 8 TDs) and Jerome Pathon (43, 523, 4) return. Draftees Kareem Kelly and Talman Gardner—the latter a great athlete who has had some legal problems—could provide depth.

New Orleans is also set at tight end with the addition of free agent Ernie Conwell, who was induced to leave St. Louis after seven seasons.

Defensive line

Grade: C+

The defense—the team's weak point—has seven starters with three years of experience or less. One of those, of course, is current top draft pick Johnathan Sullivan, who is expected to jump in and start at nose tackle and hopefully increase the Saints' ability to stop the run. He's expected to replace the inside power lost when tackle Norman Hand was traded to Seattle following the draft, saving the Saints \$2.7 million under the salary cap.

Sullivan is athletic and quick, a good counterpoint to young ends Charles Grant (7 sacks in 2002) and Darren Howard (8 sacks and 25 over three seasons). His fellow tackle will be Grady Jackson (who can dominate but needs to watch his weight), Kenny Smith or veteran Willie Whitehead. Whitehead, a free-agent retainee who started 10 games for the Saints in 2002, can play either end or tackle, and gives the team some needed versatility.

Joe HORN Hometown: Tupelo, Miss. Birthday: Jan. 16, 1972 College: Itawamba Junior College (Fulton, Miss.) NFL Experience: 7 years **Family Ties:** Joe and his wife, Lacreshia, have two children. Bet you didn't know that ... After graduating from junior college in 1993, Joe was out of football and spent the year in

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Tupelo, Miss., washing dishes at Pizza Hut and working in a furniture store to support

his family.

2002 FINAL STATS Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT	֡
09/08	W	26-20 (OT)	at Tampa Bay	
09/15	W	35-20	Green Bay	
09/22	W	29-23	at Chicago	
09/29	1	21-26	at Detroit	
10/06	W	32-29	Pittsburgh	
10/13	W	43-27	at Washington	
10/20	W	35-27	San Francisco	
10/27	1	35-37	Atlanta	
11/10	W	34-24	at Carolina	
11/17	1	17-24	at Atlanta	
11/24	1	15-24	Cleveland	
12/01	W	23-20	Tampa Bay	
12/08	W	37-25	at Baltimore	
12/15	1	31-32	Minnesota	
12/22	1	13-20	at Cincinnati	
12/29	L	6-10	Carolina	

DUCHING	ATT	VDC	AVC	LONG	TD
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
McAllister	325	1388	4.3	62	13
Brooks	61	256	4.2	21	2
Fenderson	13	65	5.0	17t	1
Keaton	12	19	1.6	4	0
Lewis	1	15	15.0	15	0
McAfee	1	11	11.0	11	0
Smith	5	11	2.2	5	0
Horn	1	2	2.0	2	0
Stallworth	2	2	1.0	4	0
Saints	425	1767	4.2	62	16
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Saints Opponents	291 343	3685 4058	12.7 11.8	64 77t	27
Hall	2	6	3.0	4	0
Fenderson	6	38	6.3	13	0
Lewis	8	200	25.0	59	0
Smith	9	30	3.3	10	0
Sloan	12	127	10.6	29	0
Williams	13	143	11.0	32t	2
Reed	21	360	17.1	54	3
Stallworth	42	594	14.1	57t	8
Pathon	43	523	12.2	64	4
McAllister	47	352	7.5	30	3
Horn	88	1312	14.9	63	7
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Brooks	528	283	3572	27	15
Delhomme	10	8	113	0	0
Saints	538	291	3685	27	15
Opponents	593	343	4058	25	20

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Howard 8.0, Grant 7.0, Jackson 5.5, D. Smith 3.5, K. Smith 3.5, Whitehead 3.0, Hand 2.5, Knight 2.0, Bellamy 1.5, Thomas 1.0, Clemons 0.5

Saints 39.0, Opponents 38.0

t=touchdown

Linebackers

Grade: D

This unit's biggest problem is youth. Free agent Orlando Ruff is expected to platoon in the middle with Darrin Smith, with Ruff working on running downs and Smith handling the passing game.

Two youngsters, Sedrick Hodge and James Allen, will play outside, and coach Jim Haslett will also try to find playing time for third-round draft pick Cie Grant of Ohio State. The club got Grant with the 86th pick but rated him as one of the top three 'backers on the board.

Secondary Grade: C

The Saints addressed this area aggressively, and in the process proved that what goes around comes around in the case of cornerback Ashley Ambrose. Ambrose had played for the Saints in 1999 but was released for salary-cap reasons. He moved on to Atlanta, but the cap got him there as well. Now he's back with his hometown team and, along with veterans Dale Carter and Fred Thomas, gives New Orleans three above-average corners. But those guys aren't spring chickens.

The team also buttressed free safety, swapping three draft picks to New England for Tebucky Jones. The Saints think Jones, who has both size and speed, can be a breakthrough player, with sort of a Joe Horn-style impact on defense.

Special teams

Kick returner Michael Lewis is the spark of this group, giving his team the possibility of a TD every time he touches the ball. Last season Lewis averaged 14.2 yards on punt returns, 25.8 on kickoffs and brought back three kicks all the way.

Grade: A

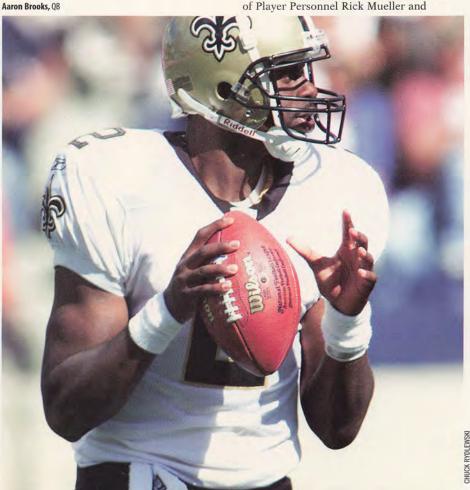
The Saints also are in great shape with kicker John Carney, who set a club record with 130 points a year ago, making 31 of 35 field goals. And veteran utility running back Fred McAfee was good enough to make the Pro Bowl as a special-teamer.

Last season, the Saints blocked five kicks.

Management

Haslett has a reputation as a quality coach, and he has put together an extremely good staff. If there's a problem, it's that he is an emotional guy, and that makes it tougher to keep his team on an even keel. Last season, the Saints beat Tampa Bay twice but lost to the Bengals and Lions.

General Manager Mickey Loomis has a good understanding of salary-cap intricacies and is a good negotiator. Loomis, Director of Player Personnel Rick Mueller and



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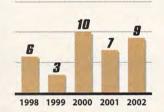
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TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Cap.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Cap
New Orleans	67,850	99.2	\$46.32	\$5.00	24oz	\$2.00	16oz	\$3.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$17.99
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



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Projected Starters

OFFENSE

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QB	Aaron Brooks
FB	Terrelle Smith
RB	Deuce McAllister
LT	Wayne Gandy
LG	Kendyl Jacox
C	Jerry Fontenot
RG	LeCharles Bentley
RT	Victor Riley
TE	Ernie Conwell
WR	Donte' Stallworth
MR	loe Horn

DEFENSE

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Charles Grant
LT	Johnathan Sullivan
RT	Grady Jackson
RE	Darren Howard
OLB	Sedrick Hodge
MLB	Orlando Ruff
OLB	James Allen
CB	Dale Carter
CB	Ashley Ambrose
SS	Mel Mitchell
FS	Tebucky Jones

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	
P	Mitch Berger
K	John Carney
PR	Michael Lewis
KR	Michael Lewis

Haslett seem to work well together. The group made an unusually high (for the NFL) four trades during the offseason.

Bottom line

The Saints worked in the offseason on their defense, which obviously needed it. The Jones trade was important, since the secondary needed a bit of sealant. Ambrose could be a fine acquisition, but come September he'll be 33, not a particularly fruitful age for a corner. Sullivan was the key to their draft, and they traded two first-round picks to move up to No. 6 and land him. They also took care of another priority when they bolstered the offensive line by making it younger and deeper.

We picked these guys last in the division, but only because somebody has to be last. The Saints just missed being a playoff team a year ago, and most of that talent is back. They may also have gained by subtraction with the departure of the controversial Turley.

The defense is the key. If Grant and Howard, the talented young ends, step up, the defense may start stopping people, which would give the offense a chance to be even more spectacular. These guys aren't a lock for the cellar.

FINAL GRADE:

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Jim Haslett, head coac

Hubbard Alexander, wide receivers; Dave Atkins, running backs; Joe Baker, secondary/cornerbacks; Greg Brown, seondary/safeties; Sam Clancy, defensive line; Al Everest, special teams; Rock Gullickson, strength and conditioning; Jack Henry, offensive line; Ty Knott, defensive assistant/quality control; Danny Langsdorf, assistant wide receivers; John Misciagna, offensive assistant/quality control; Mike McCarthy, offensive coordinator; Winston Moss, linebackers; Bob Palcic, tight ends; Jerry Palmieri, assistant strength and conditioning; Mike Sheppard, quarterbacks; Rick Venturi, defensive coordinator

#	QUARTERBACK	OB	HT 6-2	WT 229	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Bouman, Todd Brooks, Aaron	QB QB	6-4	205	08/01/1972 03/24/1976	2	St. Cloud State Virginia
14	O'Sullivan, J.T.	QB	6-2	220	08/25/1979	0	California-Davis
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	dp.	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
65	Bentley, LeCharles	G	6-2	299	11/07/1979	1	Ohio State
71	Folau, Spencer	T	6-5	315	04/05/1973	6	Idaho
62	Fontenot, Jerry	(6-3	300	11/21/1966	14	Texas A&M
72	Gandy, Wayne	T	6-4	308	02/10/1971	9	Auburn
47	Houser, Kevin	(6-2	250	08/23/1977	3	Ohio State
64	Jacox, Kendyl	(6-2	330	06/10/1975	5	Kansas State
66	Riley, Victor	T	6-5	328	11/04/1974	5	Auburn
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Banks, Tavian	RB	5-10	208	02/17/1974	2	lowa
48	Fenderson, James	RB	5-9	200	10/24/1976	2	Hawaii
28	Keaton, Curtis	RB	5-10	222	10/18/1976	3	James Madison
25	McAfee, Fred	RB	5-10	193	06/20/1968	12	Mississippi Colleg
26	McAllister, Deuce	RB	6-1	221	12/27/1978	2	Mississippi
44	Smith, Terrelle	RB	6-1	246	03/12/1978	3	Arizona State
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Conwell, Ernie	TE	6-2	265	08/17/1972	7	Washington
14	Cook, Kerwin	WR	6-1	171	12/21/1979	0	Tulane
87	Horn, Joe	WR	6-1	206	01/16/1972	7	Itawamba J.C.
89	Lewis, Derrick	WR	6-2	185	10/30/1975	1	San Diego State
84	Lewis, Michael	WR	5-8	165	11/14/1971 12/16/1975	2	None
88	Pathon, Jerome Sloan, David	WR TE	6-1 6-6	182 260	06/08/1972	5	Washington New Mexico
83	Stallworth, Donte'	WR	6-1	197	11/10/1980	1	Tennessee
6	Turner, Nate	WR	6-3	210	05/26/1978	1	UNLV
82	Williams, Boo	TE	6-4	245	06/22/1979	2	Arkansas
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
92	Chase, Martin	DT	6-2	310	12/19/1974	4	Oklahoma
94	Grant, Charles	DE	6-3	282	09/03/1978	1	Georgia
93	Howard, Darren	DE	6-3	281	11/19/1976	3	Kansas State
91	Jackson, Grady	DT	6-2	330	01/21/1973	6	Knoxville
	Schlecht, John	DT	6-1	290	05/23/1978	1	Minnesota
90	Smith, Kenny	DT	6-4	295	09/08/1977	2	Alabama
	White, Greg	DE	6-3	268	07/25/1979	0	Minnesota
98	Whitehead, Willie	DE	6-3	285	01/26/1973	4	Auburn
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
	Ambrose, Ashley	CB	5-10	187	09/17/1970	11	Mississippi Valley
20	Bellamy, Jay	5	5-11	200	07/08/1972	9	Rutgers
35	Brown, Fakhir	CB	5-11	192	09/21/1977	3	Grambling
25	Byrdsong, Shawn	CB	5-10	188	10/02/1979	1	Mississippi State
21	Carter, Dale	CB	6-1	188	11/28/1969	10	Tennessee
43	Craver, Keyou	CB	5-10	195	08/22/1980	1	Nebraska Washington State
37	Gleason, Steve	S	5-11 6-4	215 190	03/19/1977 01/17/1979	3	Washington State
36	Hall, Corey Hawthorne, Michael	CB	6-3	200	01/1//19/9	3	Appalachian State Purdue
34	Jones, Tebucky	S	6-2	218	10/06/1974	5	Syracuse
40	Mitchell, Mel	S	6-1	220	02/10/1979	1	Western Kentucky
22	Thomas, Fred	CB	5-9	184	09/11/1973	7	Tennessee-Martin
#	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
50	Allen, James	LB	6-2	240	11/11/1979	1	Oregon State
55	Carroll, Travis	LB	6-4	240	10/26/1978	1	Florida
52	Hodge, Sedrick	LB	6-4	244	09/13/1978	2	North Carolina
57	Holden, Curtis	LB	6-2	232	03/17/1979	1	Washington State
59	Jones, J.J.	LB	6-1	230	06/07/1978	1	Arkansas
53	Knight, Roger	LB	6-1	245	10/11/1978	2	Wisconsin
56	Ruff, Orlando	LB	6-3	247	09/28/1976	4	Furman
54	Smith, Darrin	LB	6-1	236	04/15/1970	10	Miami (FL)
	KICKERS	-	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#							
# 17 3	Berger, Mitch Carney, John	P K	6-4 5-11	220 180	06/24/1972 04/20/1964	8 15	Colorado Notre Dame

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	6	Sullivan, Johnathan	DT	6-3	313	01/21/81	Georgia
2	5	Stinchcomb, Jon	T	6-5	302	08/27/79	Georgia
3	22	Grant, Cie	LB	6-1	228	11/27/79	Ohio State
4	5	Holland, Montrae	G	6-1	333	05/21/80	Florida State
5	20	Williams, Melvin	DE	6-2	269	02/02/79	Kansas State
6	30	Kelly, Kareem	WR	6-1	186	04/01/81	USC
7	17	Gardner, Talman	WR	6-1	205	03/10/80	Florida State

NFG West

Door is open for a Holmgren with fewer responsibilities to win the West

By Don Pierson, Chicago Tribune

inning this division was only good enough to get Steve Mariucci fired in San Francisco last season. So much for celebrations short of the Lombardi Trophy.

A division title flag might look good in Arizona or Seattle, but in St. Louis or San Francisco, its primary use is to wipe away tears.

Dennis Erickson follows Mariucci four years after a four-year stint in Seattle that netted a 31-33 record. That didn't make it in Seattle and it won't do in San Francisco.

Still, Erickson has no more pressure with the 49ers than his Seattle successor, Mike Holmgren, who hopes one job is better than two as he gives up his general manager title. Mike Martz faces the challenge of climbing back to Super Bowlwinning expectations in St. Louis. And if you think coaching the Cardinals is a nopressure situation for Dave McGinnis, try it for a week.



After winning their last three games and discovering that Matt Hasselbeck really can play quarterback, the Seahawks come into this season with an offense ranked higher than either the 49ers or Rams.

If there's pressure on Holmgren, he shares it with new defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes, who's been assigned to revamp a defense that must learn to give its offense a chance. Step one is stopping the run. No team was worse against it last season. Escaping the injury jinx is step two, but no coach can control that.



Erickson takes over a pretty good team, an unusual situation for most first-year coaches. His mandate is to improve it without the blank checkbook his predecessors enjoyed. The 49ers are on a money diet, determined not to choke on salary-cap gouging again.

That means improvement must come primarily from within. Finding offensive help for star playmaker Terrell Owens remains the biggest issue. If it doesn't happen this season, it could be Owens' last in San Francisco as he seeks a big free-agent payday elsewhere.



ST. LOUIS RAMS

Is the Kurt Warner/Marshall Faulk drama in its final days? "The Greatest Show on Turf" is beginning to resemble more of a carnival sideshow, complete with too many injuries, question marks, family feuds and disappointment outweighing promise.

The Rams are Exhibit A on how fragile success is in the NFL. Two years removed from their unstoppable offense, they were outscored by 22 teams last season. Of more concern is their minus-19 turnover ratio, worst in the league. Not even the great offenses can overcome that.



ARIZONA CARDINALS

Scrappy but outmanned, the Cardinals still don't appear capable of contending. But they will surprise teams with their grit and try to lay the foundation for better days. Until then, the team's biggest hero is former safety Pat Tillman, who left football before last season to join the Army Rangers.

New receivers, a new quarterback (Jeff Blake) and one very familiar running back in relocated Emmitt Smith will attempt a revival. The defense is still quite short of volunteers. McGinnis is the most upbeat coach in the league and he works for the most beat-up team.

Division's Best

BIG-GAME PLAYER:

Marshall Faulk, RB, St. Louis

Scored 69 touchdowns in only four seasons in St. Louis. He's the worst nightmare of any defense in any game.

RUSHER:

Shaun Alexander, RB, Seattle

Outrushed Faulk and 49ers' Garrison Hearst and scored 16 touchdowns last season.

RECEIVER:

Terrell Owens, WR, San Francisco

In his last 45 games, a third of his receptions and 40 percent of his touchdown catches have come in the fourth quarter.

TACKLER:

Tony Parrish, S, San Francisco

Coming off terrific year with nine takeaways while playing through a dislocated elbow.

SPECIAL-TEAMS WARRIOR:

Jimmy Williams, CB, San Francisco

Led the team in punt returns, kickoff returns and solo tackles despite injury in Game 13.

TEAMMATE:

Mack Strong, RB, Seattle

Unselfish heart and soul of team for 10 years.

SENSE OF HUMOR:

Dave McGinnis, head coach, Arizona

The 49ers' Garrison Hearst is funniest in locker room, but the coach of the Cards takes cake.

INTELLECT:

Terry Jackson, RB, San Francisco

Backup running back asked by coaches to join staff photo because he understands strategy so well.

SIDELINE STRATEGIST:

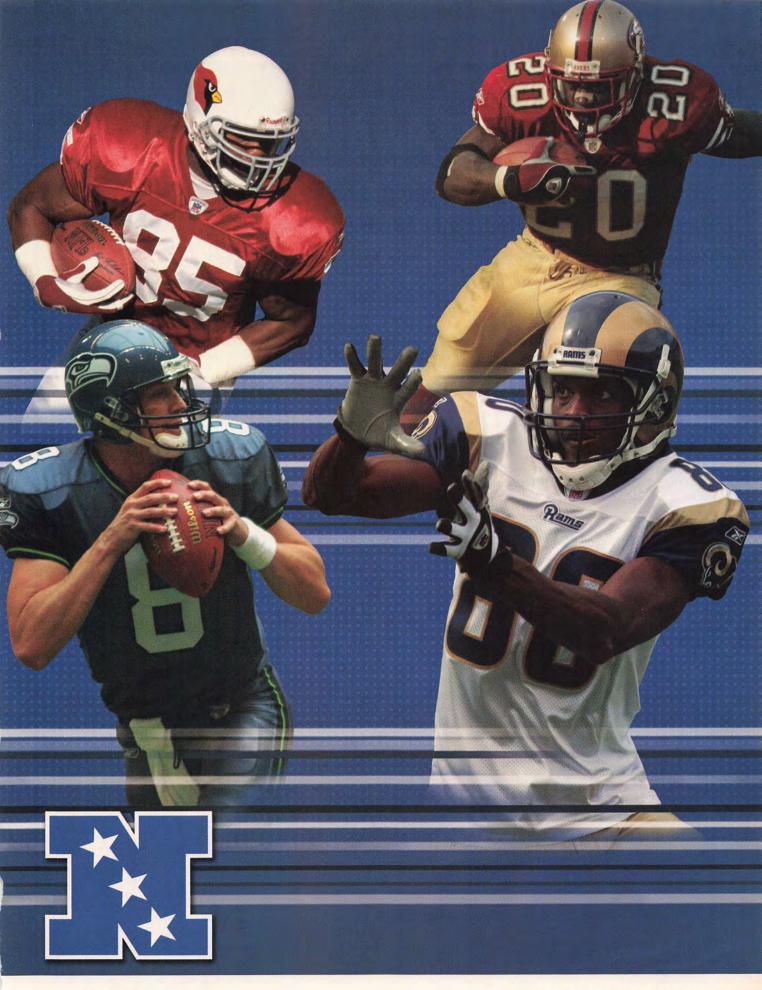
Mike Holmgren, head coach, Seattle

Shedding front-office duties will help Holmgren focus on what he does best—call plays and manage the game.

FRONT-OFFICE EXECUTIVE:

Jay Zygmunt, president/ football operations, St. Louis

Behind the scenes, Zygmunt manages cap and has found ways to keep nucleus of team intact.





Seattle primed to break through behind maturing Hasselbeck and talented receiving corps

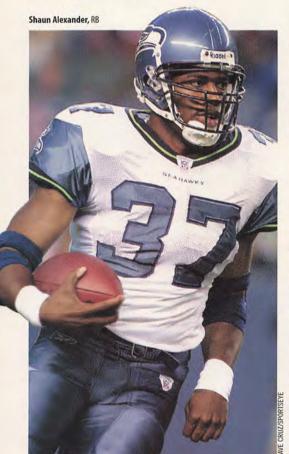
Holmgren's loss of front-office duties may be team's big gain

ike Holmgren's better half, the coaching half, will try to get the Seahawks into the playoffs for the first time in his fifth season. Check that.

After shedding his general-manager duties under pressure, he will be expected to make the playoffs.

After watching 14 starters or projected starters go down with injury last season, six on injured reserve, the Seahawks are due some good luck.

A light bulb has switched on for quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, who helped the team win its last three games. Holmgren is happy to return to coaching and let the new general manager, Bob Ferguson, handle the off-field headaches.



"Once I got my own ego on the back burner a little bit, it was an easy decision to make," Holmgren says.

Offensive line

rade: A

Another contract problem with star left tackle Walter Jones may prevent this unit from the highest rating. Adding right tackle Chris Terry from the Panthers at the end of last year solidified the front.

Assuming left guard Steve Hutchinson returns from a broken leg, he will line up with center Robbie Tobeck. Floyd Womack and Jerry Wunsch will compete at right guard as well as back up at their usual tackle position. Michael Thompson was obtained in a trade from Atlanta and Wayne Hunter was drafted in the third round to add comfort at tackle. Floyd Wedderburn and Chris Gray also have started.

Quarterback

Grade: B

After taking over for injured Trent Dilfer at midseason, Hasselbeck went on a tear that probably saved Holmgren's job. It definitely justified Holmgren's confidence in obtaining him from Green Bay. It is doubtful he will lose his job to Dilfer again. Only Tampa Bay's Brad Johnson finished with a higher passer rating in the NFC.

"I think for a while he didn't prepare the way he should have," Holmgren says. "He was moping a little bit because he didn't get what he thought he was going to get. He really needed that second chance."

Dilfer will be coming off Achilles' tendon surgery and Holmgren drafted intriguing Seneca Wallace, who could become a threat at more than one position.

Running backs

Shaun Alexander scored an NFC-high 18 touchdowns. He hopes to increase his four-yard rushing average, but his 59 receptions make him an excellent fit in Holmgren's offense. Second-year man Maurice Morris could provide a good change of pace.

Re-signing fullback Mack Strong was essential. Not only is he an unselfish lead blocker and popular with teammates, he converted all seven of his third-down running opportunities. He's backed by Heath Evans.

Receivers

Grade: A-

Grade: A-

SEAHAWK FACT In 2002, running back Shaun Alexander became the

With emerging star Koren Robinson, productive and consistent Darrell Jackson, third-down specialist Bobby Engram and huge second-year tight end



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Chike Okeafor, DE (UFA-SF)

Damien Robinson, FS

► Michael Thompson, T (trade-ATL)

► Rodney Williams, P

Norman Hand, DT (trade-N0)

QUOTABLE

"It's funny, I really was naive about the geography of Seattle and what it meant to some of those players when they got off the plane after five hours. We lost Hugh Douglas that way, and I really believe (we lost) the two linebackers (Earl Holmes and Charlie Clemons). Some of these guys, God bless them, but they think Seattle's next to Russia."

—GM Bob Ferguson, on trouble wooing free agents to Seattle

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	363.6	7
Rushing	108.8	20
Passing	254.9	3
Scoring	355	16
Punt Returns	10.2	12
Kick Returns	20.7	21
Red Zone TD %	50.9	20
Total Defense	365.8	28
Against Rush	152.6	32
Against Pass	213.2	18
Points Allowed	369	23t
Interceptions	19	8t
Sacks	28	29
Turnover Diff.	+2	14

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ICING PAGE: NORM HALL



Hometown: Belmont, N.C.

Birthday: March 19, 1980

College: North Carolina State

NFL Experience: 2 years

Family Ties: Single

Bet you didn't know that ...
Koren and his fellow receivers in
Seattle, Bobby Engram and Darrell
Jackson, have been identified by
their coach, Mike Holmgren, as the
"Three Stooges." Koren sees
himself as Curly "because he's the
funny one," Engram is Moe because
he's "the elder one, the serious
one," and Jackson is Larry because
"he's always getting tricks played
on him."

KOREN ROBINSON

2002 FINAL STATS Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	17-31	at Oakland
09/15	L	13-24	Arizona
09/22	1	6-9	at New York Giants
09/29	W	48-23	Minnesota
10/14	L	21-28	San Francisco
10/20	1	20-37	at St. Louis
10/27	W	17-14	at Dallas
11/03	L	3-14	Washington
11/10	W	27-6	at Arizona
11/17	ı	9-31	Denver
11/24	W	39-32	Kansas City
12/01	L	24-31	at San Francisco
12/08	1	20-27	Philadelphia
12/15	W	30-24 (OT)	at Atlanta
12/22	W	30-10	St. Louis
12/29	W	31-28 (OT)	at San Diego

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Alexander	295	1175	4.0	58	16
Hasselbeck	40	202	5.1	21	1
Morris	32	153	4.8	24	0
Strong	23	94	4.1	9	0
Robinson	8	56	7.0	20	0
Evans	17	53	3.1	8	0
Dilfer	10	27	2.7	13	0
Jackson	3	3	1.0	4	0
Feagles	2	-23	-11.5	-8	0
Saahawke	130	1740	40	58	17

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RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Robinson	78	1240	15.9	83	5
Jackson	62	877	14.1	48	4
Alexander	59	460	7.8	80t	2
Engram	50	619	12.4	38	0
Mili	43	508	11.8	49	2
Stevens	26	252	9.7	29	3
Strong	22	120	5.5	12	2
Williams	9	99	11.0	18	0
Evans	8	41	5.1	13	0
Morris	3	25	8.3	12	0
Hannam	1	16	16.0	16t	1
Seahawks	361	4257	11.8	83	19

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Hasselbeck	419	267	3075	15	10
Dilfer	168	94	1182	4	6
Seahawks	587	361	4257	19	16
Opponents	555	321	3596	21	19

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Randle 7.0, Brown 6.0, Bernard 4.0, Cochran 3.0, Bell 1.0, Eaton 1.0, King 1.0, Mitchell 1.0, Palepoi 1.0, Simmons 1.0, Terry 1.0, Williams 1.0

Seahawks 28.0, Opponents 33.0

t=touchdown

Jerramy Stevens, Holmgren boasts one of the league's best receiving corps.

Robinson became a big-play force in his second season. No receiver from the 2000 class has more catches than Jackson. Engram caught 50 passes, 43 for first downs, including 25 on third down. Stevens and surprising Itula Mili caught five touchdown passes between them.

Defensive line

Grade: C-

Seattle was ranked last against the run and 28th overall on defense, which got the defensive staff fired. Ray Rhodes rejoined Holmgren and must start the retooling up front. Adding free-agent right end Chike Okeafor from the 49ers was a start, enabling Antonio Cochran to move to left end, where he may be better suited to stop the run. Anton Palepoi got some action as a rookie and the Seahawks are still waiting for Lamar King, who finished on injured reserve, to develop.

John Randle will return in the middle along with Chad Eaton and second-year find

Rocky Bernard, who played well for the injured Randle. Norman Hand was obtained from the Saints to add bulk.

Linebackers

Grade: B

Rhodes will try to fashion his defense around the considerable skills of expensive outside 'backers Chad Brown and Anthony Simmons, and try to get by in the middle with Orlando Huff and Isaiah Kacyvenski.

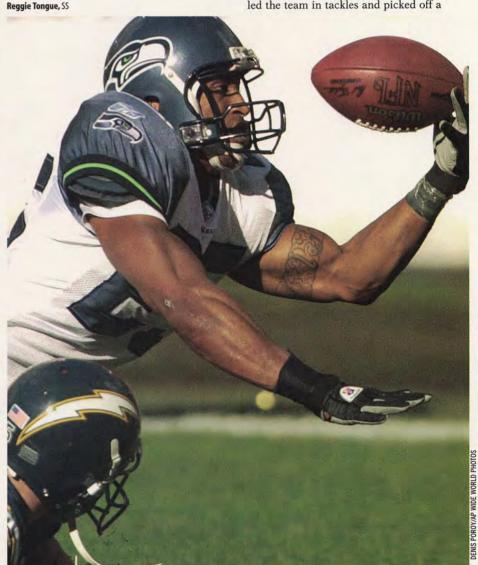
In a change, Simmons will call signals because he's an every-down player as opposed to the part-time men in the middle. Brown is coming off a broken foot and remains a sideline-to-sideline chaser and pass rusher.

Secondary

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When cornerback Marcus Trufant fell in the draft, the Seahawks didn't hesitate. He will challenge Shawn Springs. Second-year corner Ken Lucas looks good, backed by Willie Williams and Doug Evans.

Free safety Damien Robinson was signed from the Jets to replace departed Marcus Robertson. Strong safety Reggie Tongue is coming off an excellent year in which he led the team in tackles and picked off a



Stadium Facts

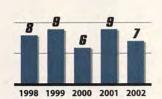
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Capacity: 67,000 Turf: Artificial Tickets: 888-635-4295

Web site: www.seahawks.com

TEAM										Program	
Seattle	63,078	94.1	\$43.28	\$5.50	16oz	\$3.25	21oz	\$4.75	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$12.00
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

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Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	New Orleans	4:15
Sept. 14	@Arizona	4:05
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Nov. 23	@Baltimore	1:00
Nov. 30	Cleveland	4:15
Dec. 7	@Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 14	@St. Louis	1:00
Dec. 21	Arizona	4:15
Dec. 27	@San Francisco	5:00

Projected Starters

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Pos.	
QB	Matt Hasselbeck
FB	Mack Strong
RB	Shaun Alexander
LT	Walter Jones
LG	Steve Hutchinson
C	Robbie Tobeck
RG	Floyd Womack
RT	Chris Terry
TE	Itula Mili
WR	Darrell Jackson
WR	Koren Robinson

DEFENSE

LE	Antonio Cochran
LT	Chad Eaton
RT	John Randle
RE	Chike Okeafor
OLB	Anthony Simmons
MLB	Orlando Huff
OLB	Chad Brown
CB	Marcus Trufant
CB	Ken Lucas
SS	Reggie Tongue
FS	Damien Robinson

SPECIAL TEAMS

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Rodney Williams Josh Brown PR **Bobby Engram** Maurice Morris

career-high five interceptions. Intimidating Ken Hamlin is a second-round draft addition from Arkansas.

Special teams Grade: B-

Under outstanding coach Pete Rodriguez, the usually reliable Seahawks special teams will try to replace steady punter Jeff Feagles with inconsistent ex-Giant Rodney Williams. They drafted kicker Josh Brown of Nebraska to replace Rian Lindell.

Engram has emerged as a very good punt returner and Morris returned seven kickoffs for 231 yards against St. Louis last December.

Management Grade: B-

Relinquishing his double duty should allow Holmgren more time to focus on the field, where he is a stickler for details. How he interacts with new GM Ferguson is key.

Rhodes left Denver after only two years, the same amount of time he stuck with Holmgren in Green Bay. But a short-term fix is what the Seahawks need.

Bottom line

Holmgren went through three 9-7 seasons in a row in Green Bay before going to two Super Bowls. Seattle has required more patience, but it is about to pay off. The NFC West division can be had.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Mike Holmgren, head coach

Bill Laveroni, assistant offensive line; Gil Haskell, offensive coordinator; Tom Lovat, assistant head coach/offensive line; Jim Zorn, quarterbacks; Stump Mitchell, running backs; Nolan Cromwell, wide receivers; Jim Lind, tight ends; Gary Reynolds, quality control/offense; Clayton Lopez, defensive assistant/secondary; Dwaine Board, defensive line; Teryl Austin, defensive backs; Ray Rhodes, defensive coordinator; Zerick Rollins, defensive line/quality control; John Marshall, linebackers; Pete Rodriguez, special teams coordinator; Mark Michaels, assistant special teams; Kent Johnston, strength and conditioning

	OHADTEDDACK		117	11/7	DODN	EVD	COLLECT
4	QUARTERBACK Dilfer, Trent	QB	HT 6-4	WT 225	BORN 03/13/1972	EXP.	Fresno State
8	Hasselbeck, Matt	QB	6-4	223	09/25/1975	4	Boston College
17	Kelly, Jeff	QB	6-1	212	09/07/1979	1	Southern Mississip
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
73	Crawford, Brian	T	6-6	324	09/27/1977	0	Western Oregon
52	Darche, Jean-Philippe	Ċ	6-1	246	02/28/1975	3	McGill
79	Dean, Konrad	G	6-4	303	06/06/1979	0	Akron
62	Gray, Chris	G	6-4	308	06/19/1970	10	Auburn
74	Hill, Matt	T	6-6	304	11/10/1978	1	Boise State
76	Hutchinson, Steve	G	6-5	313	11/01/1977	2	Michigan
75	McIntosh, Chris	T	6-6	308	02/20/1977	2	Wisconsin
68	Norman, Dennis	C	6-5	312	01/26/1980	0	Princeton
66	Thompson, Michael	T	6-4	295	02/11/1977	3	Tennessee State
61	Tobeck, Robbie	(6-4	297	03/06/1970	9	Washington State
77	Womack, Floyd	T	6-4	333	11/15/1978	2	Mississippi State
70	Wunsch, Jerry	T	6-6	339	01/21/1974	6	Wisconsin
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
37	Alexander, Shaun	RB	5-11	229	08/30/1977	3	Alabama
44	Evans, Heath	RB	6-1	252	12/30/1978	2	Auburn
20	Morris, Maurice	RB	5-11	202	12/01/1979	1	Oregon
40	Stansbury, Ed	RB	6-1	257	05/03/1979	1	UCLA
38	Strong, Mack	RB	6-1	245	09/11/1971	9	Georgia
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
85	Bannister, Alex	WR	6-5	207	04/23/1979	2	Eastern Kentucky
84	Engram, Bobby	WR	5-10	188	01/07/1973	7	Penn State
83	Hannam, Ryan	TE	6-2	248	02/24/1980	1	Northern Iowa
82	Jackson, Darrell	WR	6-1	201	12/06/1978	3	Florida
89	Mili, Itula	TE	6-4	260	04/20/1973	5	Brigham Young
81	Robinson, Koren	WR	6-1	205	03/19/1980	2	North Carolina Stat
86	Stevens, Jerramy	TE	6-7	265	11/13/1979	1	Washington
88	Williams, James	WR	5-10	186	03/06/1978	3	Marshall
99	DEFENSIVE LINE	DT	HT 6-3	WT 293	BORN 04/19/1979	EXP.	Texas A&M
78	Bernard, Rocky Cochran, Antonio	DT	6-4	292	06/21/1976	1	Georgia
90	Eaton, Chad	DT	6-5	303	04/06/1972	7	Washington State
99	Hand, Norman	DT	6-3	310	09/04/1972	7	Mississippi
95	Hilliard, John	DE	6-2	296	04/16/1976	3	Mississippi State
92	King, Lamar	DE	6-3	311	08/10/1975	4	Saginaw Valley
64	McCleary, Norris	DT	6-6	305	05/10/1977	2	East Carolina
97	Mitchell, Brandon	DE	6-3	290	06/19/1975	6	Texas A&M
	Okeafor, Chike	DE	6-4	265	03/27/1976	4	Purdue
	Palepoi, Anton	DE	6-3	283	11/19/1978	1	UNLV
93	Randle, John	DT	6-1	287	12/12/1967	13	Texas A&M-Kingsvi
98	Woodard, Cedric	DT	6-2	320	09/05/1977	2	Texas
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Bernard, Walter	CB	6-2	200	05/03/1978	1	New Mexico
34	Bierria, Terreal	S	6-3	211	10/10/1980	1	Georgia
28	Blackmon, Harold	CB	5-11	216	05/20/1978	2	Northwestern
33	Evans, Doug	CB	6-1	188	05/13/1970	10	Louisiana Tech
29	Fuller, Curtis	5	5-10	191	07/25/1978	2	Texas Christian
21	Lucas, Ken	CB	6-1	205	01/23/1979	2	Mississippi
42	Richard, Kris	CB	5-11	190	10/28/1978	1	USC
22	Robinson, Damien	5	6-2	223	12/23/1973	5	Iowa
27	Scott, Tony	CB	5-10	193	10/03/1976	2	North Carolina Stat
24	Springs, Shawn	CB	6-1	204	03/11/1975	6	Ohio State
25	Tongue, Reggie	S	6-1	204	04/11/1973	7	Oregon State
	LINEBACKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#	Bell, Marcus	LB	6-1	245	07/19/1977	3	Arizona
# 55		LB	6-2	245	07/12/1970	10	Colorado
55 94	Brown, Chad		6-2	250	08/14/1978	2	Fresno State
55 94 57	Huff, Orlando	LB				7	Harvard
55 94 57 58	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah	LB	6-1	252	10/03/1977	3	
55 94 57 58 54	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah Lewis, D.D.	LB LB	6-1 6-1	241	01/08/1979	1	Texas
55 94 57 58 54 53	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah Lewis, D.D. Miller, Keith	LB LB LB	6-1 6-1 6-1	241 238	01/08/1979 07/09/1976	1 2	Texas California
55 94 57 58 54 53 51	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah Lewis, D.D. Miller, Keith Simmons, Anthony	LB LB LB	6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1	241 238 242	01/08/1979 07/09/1976 06/20/1976	1 2 5	Texas California Clemson
55 94 57 58 54 53 51 59	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah Lewis, D.D. Miller, Keith Simmons, Anthony Terry, Tim	LB LB LB	6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1 6-2	241 238 242 240	01/08/1979 07/09/1976 06/20/1976 07/26/1974	1 2 5 4	Texas California Clemson Temple
55 94 57 58 54 53	Huff, Orlando Kacyvenski, Isaiah Lewis, D.D. Miller, Keith Simmons, Anthony	LB LB LB	6-1 6-1 6-1 6-1	241 238 242	01/08/1979 07/09/1976 06/20/1976	1 2 5	Texas California Clemson

	2003 DRAFTEES								
RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE		
1	11	Trufant, Marcus	CB	5-11	199	12/25/80	Washington State		
2	10	Hamlin, Ken	5	6-2	209	01/20/81	Arkansas		
3	9	Hunter, Wayne	T	6-5	303	07/02/81	Hawaii		
4	13	Wallace, Seneca	QB	5-11	196	08/06/80	Iowa State		
4	38	Bates, Solomon	LB	6-1	243	04/18/82	Arizona State		
5	30	Davis, Chris	RB	5-11	235	11/08/79	Syracuse		
6	10	Moore, Rashad	DT	6-3	324	03/16/79	Tennessee		
7	8	Brown Josh	K	6-1	202	04/29/79	Nehraska		

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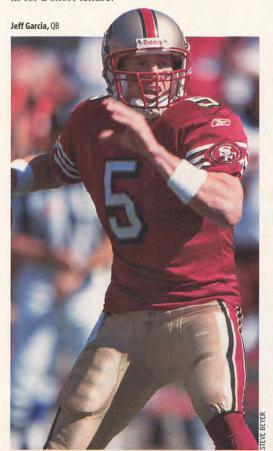


Mariucci out, Erickson in by the bay, as 49ers appear to be staring at transition season

High-octane offense likely to carry San Francisco to a wild card

f new coach Dennis Erickson goes 10-6 and wins a playoff game, he will be interested to learn that's what got Steve Mariucci fired for "philosophical differences."

Erickson is eager to work for a more stable and storied franchise than the Seattle Seahawks were when he compiled a 31-33 record there from 1995-98. But if 49er expectations are for immediate and repeated Super Bowl trips, Erickson may be in for a short tenure.



Curiously, Erickson found himself seated on a plane next to receiver Terrell Owens on his trip to San Francisco to be introduced, so he was able to get to work early on the sticky problem of keeping his superstar happy.

Offensive line

When a team finishes sixth in rushing and second in pass protection, its offensive line deserves some kudos.

Derrick Deese is the league's smallest tackle and also one of the best. He hasn't allowed a sack in 21 games. Right tackle Scott Gragg has started 112 consecutive games, first among NFL tackles. First-rounder Kwame Harris from nearby Stanford provides needed size. Losing left guard Dave Fiore to Washington was palatable because rookie Eric Heitmann played well while Fiore was hurt. Center Jeremy Newberry and right guard Ron Stone are Pro Bowl performers. Matt Willig, Ben Lynch and Kyle Kosier are backups.

Quarterback

Jeff Garcia threw 528 passes last year, but because he continues to be more effective on the run than in the pocket, Erickson and holdover offensive coordinator Greg Knapp are going to try to incorporate more rollouts and movement.

Garcia was outspoken in his criticism of the 49ers' firing of Mariucci and their protracted search for Erickson, but the new coach thinks that just reflects the quarterback's competitive nature. Tim Rattay and Brandon Doman are backups and the 49ers still have hopes of rehabilitating Cade McNown. They also added University of Miami winner Ken Dorsey as a seventh-rounder.

Running backs

Few teams enjoy the luxury of two productive running backs as good as Garrison Hearst and Kevan Barlow. Hearst was healthier than Barlow last year, so it is important they continue to share time.

Erickson likes fullback Fred Beasley so much that he has promised to get him more involved in the running and passing game. Beasley blocks and catches with the best of them. A return from injury by Terry Jackson is welcome.

Receivers

Grade: B+

How to complement Owens is a bigger problem than how to compliment him. He needs both. After allowing disappointing J.J. Stokes to seek a trade, the 49ers are content with Tai Streets as the starter opposite Owens, with hopes that small-but-fast Cedrick Wilson can fill a more meaningful role in his third season. Rookies Brandon Lloyd (Illinois)



ADDITIONS

D'Marco Farr, DL

Travis Kirschke, DT (UFA-DET)

Jed Weaver, TE (MIA)

Ross Kolodziej, DT (NYG)

QUOTABLE

"Guys will play hard for him because of his personality. He really lets his players play and allows you to be yourself on the field. He can pull out the whip or put his arm around you. In the NFL, it's all about relationships and being able to relate to the players. He's good at that and really brings balance. He'll be especially effective in San Francisco, where there are a lot of proven leaders."

-Giants LB Mike Barrow on the 49ers' hiring of Dennis Erickson

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	356.3	8
Rushing	140.3	6
Passing	216.1	14
Scoring	367	13t
Punt Returns	14.1	2
Kick Returns	20.4	25
Red Zone TD %	48.2	23
Total Defense	322.4	14
Against Rush	103.3	7
Against Pass	219.1	22
Points Allowed	351	18
Interceptions	19	8t
Sacks	32	22
Turnover Diff.	+10	8

141 Red Zone Offense Touchdowns Rush

Total Rush Pass Penalty FG 21 Pass Ret. Def.



Hometown: Alexander City, Ala.

Birthday: Dec. 7, 1973

College: Tennessee-Chattanooga

NFL Experience: 7 years

Family Ties: Single

Bet you didn't know that . . .
Terrell nearly quit football to concentrate on basketball at Benjamin Russell High School (Alexander City, Ala.) but was influenced not to by his prep football coach. Terrell also played three years on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga basketball team and made five starts for the team that qualified for the 1995 NCAA Tournament.

TERRELL OWENS

SAN FRANCISCO 49FRS

2002 FINAL STATS Won 10, Lost 6

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09/05	W	16-13	at New York Giants
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10/06	W	37-13	St. Louis
10/14	W	28-21	at Seattle
10/20	1	27-35	at New Orleans
10/27	W	38-28	Arizona
11/03	W	23-20 (OT)	at Oakland
11/10	W	17-13	Kansas City
11/17	L	17-20 (OT)	at San Diego
11/25	L	17-38	Philadelphia
12/01	W	31-24	Seattle
12/08	W	31-27	at Dallas
12/15	L	14-20	Green Bay
12/21	W	17-14	at Arizona
12/30	L	20-31	at St. Louis

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Hearst	215	972	4.5	40	8
Barlow	145	675	4.7	35	4
Garcia	73	353	4.8	21t	3
Smith	18	90	5.0	16	0
Owens	7	79	11.3	38t	1
Beasley	26	75	2.9	9	0
Rattay	5	0	0	5	0
49ers	489	2244	4.6	40	16
Opponents	394	1652	4.2	53	14

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Owens	100	1300	13.0	76	13
Streets	72	756	10.5	47	5
Hearst	48	317	6.6	16	1
Johnson	36	321	8.9	38	0
Stokes	32	332	10.4	51	1
Beasley	22	152	6.9	25t	1
Wilson	15	166	11.1	22	1
Barlow	14	136	9.7	29	1
Swift	10	63	6.3	11	0
Smith	5	33	6.6	11	0
49ers	354	3576	10.1	76t	23
Opponents	340	3701	10.9	58	23

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Garcia	528	328	3344	21	10
Rattay	43	26	232	2	0
49ers	571	354	3576	23	10
Opponents	552	340	3701	23	19

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Carter 12.5, Okeafor 6.0, Stubblefield 3.0, Peterson 2.0, Young 2.0, Ulbrich 1.5, Flanigan 1.0, Rasheed 1.0, Shaw 1.0, Smith 1.0, Winborn 1.0

49ers 32.0, Opponents 22.0

t=touchdown

and Arnaz Battle (Notre Dame) come from big-time programs.

Eric Johnson, an outstanding receiver at tight end, will be helped by the addition of free agent Jed Weaver from Miami, who is more of a blocker or H-back. Backup Justin Swift will be joined by rookie Aaron Walker.

Defensive line Grade: C-

After losing starters Chike Okeafor to the Seahawks and Dana Stubblefield to the Raiders, defensive line holdovers Bryant Young and Andre Carter are in need of reinforcements. Jim Flanigan and second-year tackle Josh Shaw will line up next to Young first, and defensive coordinator Jim Mora Jr. wants to look hard at rookies Anthony Adams and Andrew Williams. Former Ram star D'Marco Farr came out of retirement to see if he can help.

Carter enters his third year with high expectations after registering 12.5 sacks. John Engelberger, a former No. 1 draft choice, is the replacement for Okeafor. Veteran Sean Moran and newcomer Travis Kirschke can add depth.

Bryant Young, DT

Linebackers

Grade: B

With injured Jamie Winborn returning to join Julian Peterson, Derek Smith and top sub Jeff Ulbrich, this active linebacking corps is the strength of the defense. If Saleem Rasheed returns healthy after missing 10 games as a rookie with a quad injury, the position will get even better.

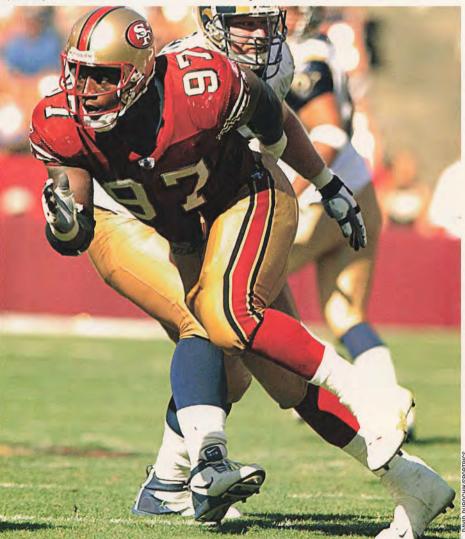
Smith is a perennial 100-plus-tackle player. Peterson displayed the talent to play four different positions—linebacker, defensive end, safety and cornerback—in a game against Dallas.

Secondary

Grade: B

Injuries depleted the 49ers in the secondary, leaving them virtually helpless against Tampa Bay in the playoffs, so depth remains a concern. If healthy, cornerbacks Ahmed Plummer and Jason Webster and safeties Tony Parrish and Zack Bronson are very good. Parrish was outstanding, moving from strong safety to free when injuries claimed both Bronson and backup Ronnie Heard.

Mike Rumph survived his rookie season as the third cornerback. Rashad Holman and John Keith are also backups. Second-year prospect Kevin Curtis is coming off injured reserve.



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Stadium Facts

San Francisco

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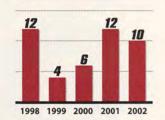
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Dec. 21	@Philadelphia	4:15
Dec. 27	Seattle	5:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

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Pos.	
QB	Jeff Garcia
FB	Fred Beasley
RB	Garrison Hearst
LT	Derrick Deese
LG	Eric Heitmann
C	Jeremy Newberry
RG	Ron Stone
RT	Scott Gragg
TE	Eric Johnson
WR	Tai Streets
WR	Terrell Owens

DECENCE

DEP	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	John Engelberger
LT	Bryant Young
RT	Jim Flanigan
RE	Andre Carter
OLB	Julian Peterson
MLB	Derek Smith
OLB	Jamie Winborn
CB	Ahmed Plummer
CB	Jason Webster
SS	Tony Parrish
FS	Zack Bronson

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos	
P	Bill LaFleur
K	Jeff Chandler
PR	Jimmy Williams
KR	Jimmy Williams

Special teams Grade: D

The hope is Jimmy Williams can come back from a knee injury to boost the return game. Jeff Chandler was drafted to kick last year, but missed three of seven attempts from beyond 40 yards. Bill LaFleur took over the punting and averaged a paltry 30.8 net yards. The special teams need a major upgrade.

Management Grade: C

Until the 49ers prove that replacing a winning coach can improve the team, the jury must remain out on owner's representative John York, who pulled the trigger on Mariucci, and General Manager Terry Donahue, who hired Erickson.

Erickson is a solid coach and he has several holdover assistants, primarily Mora, but they have to prove they can work together.

Bottom line

There is talent and youth on this team, and obvious expectations that would be difficult for any coach to reach, especially in his first year.

The 49ers lost three starters, and may not have added a starter in either free agency or the draft.

With Owens approaching free agency, they are going to have some major decisions to make soon.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Dennis Erickson, head coach

Jerry Attaway, physical development; Gregg Smith, tight ends; Christopher Beake, defensive assistant; Larry MacDuff, special teams; Terrell Jones, strength development; Greg Knapp, offensive coordinator; Brett Maxie, secondary; Jim Mora Jr., defensive coordinator; Pat Morris, offensive line; Dan Quinn, defensive line; Tim Lappano, running backs; Eric Yarber, wide receivers; Ted Tollner, quarterbacks; Dick Tomey, nickel teams; Jamie Christian, defensive quality control; Al Simmons, assistant secondary

#	QUARTERBACK	OR	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Doman, Brandon	QB	6-1	210	12/29/1976	0	Brigham Young
5	Garcia, Jeff	QB	6-1	195	02/24/1970		San Jose State UCLA
9	McNown, Cade	QB QB	6-1 6-1	210 200	01/12/1977	4	Louisiana Tech
	Rattay, Tim	ŲĎ			03/15/1977	152	0.000,000,000,000
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
63	Deese, Derrick	T	6-3	289	05/17/1970	9	Southern California
78	Gragg, Scott	T	6-8	315	02/28/1972	8	Montana
66	Heitmann, Eric	G	6-3	305	02/24/1980	1	Stanford
72	Kosier, Kyle	T	6-5	293	01/27/1978	1	Arizona State
62	Newberry, Jeremy	(6-5	310	03/23/1976	4	California
71	Osika, Craig	G	6-3	293	12/04/1979	1	Indiana
65	Stone, Ron	G	6-5	325	07/20/1971	9	Boston College
#	RUNNING BACKS	7,75	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
32	Barlow, Kevan	RB	6-1	238	01/07/1979	2	Pittsburgh
40	Beasley, Fred	RB	6-1	246	09/18/1974	5	Auburn
20	Hearst, Garrison	RB	5-11	215	01/04/1971	8	Georgia
22	Jackson, Terry	RB	6-0	232	01/10/1976	4	Florida
25	Robertson, Jamal	RB	5-10	210	01/10/1977	1	Ohio Northern
27	Smith, Paul	RB	5-11	234	01/31/1978	3	UTEP
#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	PARM	EXP.	COLLEGE
85	Anelli, Mark	TE	6-3	265	BORN 06/05/1979	1	Wisconsin
86	Jennings, Brian	TE	6-5	245	10/14/1976	3	Arizona State
82		TE	6-3	256		2	Yale Yale
18	Johnson, Eric	WR	6-2	225	09/15/1979 06/11/1978	1	Louisiana Tech
10	Jordan, James						
	Lockett, Aaron	WR	5-7	155	09/06/1978	0	Kansas State
81	Owens, Terrell	WR	6-3	226	12/07/1973	7	Chattanooga
83	Stokes, J.J.	WR	6-4	225	10/06/1972	8	UCLA
89	Streets, Tai	WR	6-2	206	04/20/1977	4	Michigan
	Weaver, Jed	TE	6-4	258	08/11/1976	4	Oregon
84	Wilson, Cedrick	WR	5-10	183	12/17/1978	2	Tennessee
#	DEFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Carter, Andre	DE	6-4	265	05/12/1979	2	California
67	Davis, Jerome	DE	6-5	290	04/04/1974	1	Minnesota
95	Engelberger, John	DE	6-4	268	10/18/1976	3	Virginia Tech
	Farr, D'Marco	DT	6-1	280	06/09/1971	7	Washington
75	Flanigan, Jim	DT	6-2	290	08/27/1971	9	Notre Dame
	Kirschke, Travis	DT	6-3	292	09/06/1974	5	UCLA
	Kolodziej, Ross	DT	6-2	295	05/11/1978	2	Wisconsin
99	Moran, Sean	DE	6-4	275	06/05/1973	7	Colorado State
93	Shaw, Josh	DT	6-3	279	09/07/1979	1	Michigan State
97	Young, Bryant	DT	6-3	291	01/27/1972	9	Notre Dame
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
31	Bronson, Zack	5	6-1	204	01/28/1974	6	McNeese State
	Curtis, Kevin	5	6-2	212	07/28/1980	0	Texas Tech
43	Hawthorne, Duane	CB	5-10	175	08/26/1976	4	Northern Illinois
26	Holman, Rashad	CB	5-11	191	01/17/1978	2	Louisville
28	Keith, John	S	6-1	207	02/04/1977	3	Furman
33	Parrish, Tony	5	6-1	210	11/23/1975	5	Washington
29	Plummer, Ahmed	CB	6-1	191	03/26/1976	3	Ohio State
24	Rumph, Mike	CB		205	11/08/1979	1	
	Webster, Jason		6-2 5-10			3	Miami (FL)
36	Williams, Jimmy	CB CB	5-10	187 190	09/08/1977 03/10/1979	2	Texas A&M Vanderbilt
		CD					
#	LINEBACKERS	10	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
57	Anthony, Cornelius	LB	6-1	235	07/07/1978	1	Texas A&M
52	Killens, Terry	LB	6-1	235	03/24/1974	7	Penn State
56	Moore, Brandon	LB	6-1	242	01/16/1979	1	Oklahoma
98	Peterson, Julian	LB	6-3	235	07/28/1978	3	Michigan State
51	Rasheed, Saleem	LB	6-2	229	06/15/1981	1	Alabama
50	Smith, Derek	LB	6-2	245	01/18/1975	6	Arizona State
58	Strong, Frank	LB	6-1	232	01/14/1980	1	USC
53	Ulbrich, Jeff	LB	6-1	249	02/17/1977	3	Hawaii
55	Winborn, Jamie	LB	5-11	242	05/14/1979	2	Vanderbilt
	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
#		1/	6-2	218	06/18/1979	1	Florida
3	Chandler, Jeff	K	0-2	210	00/10/17/7		Honda
	Chandler, Jeff LaFleur, Bill	P	6-1	204	02/25/1976	1	Nebraska

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE	
- 1	26	Harris, Kwame	T	6-7	310	03/02/80	Stanford	
2	25	Adams, Anthony	DT	5-11	299	08/18/80	Penn State	
3	25	Williams, Andrew	DE	6-2	263	04/18/79	Miami (FL)	
4	27	Lloyd, Brandon	WR	6-1	184	07/05/81	Illinois	
5	26	Walker, Aaron	TE	6-6	252	03/14/80	Florida	
6	24	Battle, Arnaz	WR	6-1	217	02/22/80	Notre Dame	
7	27	Dorsey, Ken	QB	6-5	208	04/22/81	Miami (FL)	



Rams look to recover lost swagger with help of defenseoriented draft

Can Warner bounce back to 2001 MVP form?

"team in flux" is the best way to describe the Rams, who have yet to get over losing to the Patriots in the Super Bowl after the 2001 season. That's ancient history now, but the Rams and coach Mike Martz still have work to do to erase last season's 0-5 start and disappointing 7-9 record.

The first order of business is to find out whether quarterback Kurt Warner is the same



Kurt Warner who was the NFL's Most Valuable

Player in 2001. Without the healthy and effective duo of Warner and 2000 MVP Marshall Faulk, the Rams are just like most other average teams on the NFL landscape.

With league-worst totals of 45 giveaways and a minus-19 in turnover ratio, Martz faces significant problems. To suggest that a few mistakes are all that separates this team from the elite is misleading.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

The acquisition of Kyle Turley from the Saints to play right tackle will make the Rams meaner if not better. If Turley has to move to the left side to fill in for an unhappy Orlando Pace, there's a drop-off. Injuries to Pace, Warner, Faulk and cornerback Aeneas Williams sealed the Rams' fate last season.

With the addition of free-agent center Dave Wohlabaugh from the Browns, Andy McCollum will replace departed Heath Irwin at left guard. Steady Adam Timmerman stays at right guard. Tackle John St. Clair needs more time to develop. Guard David Loverne came from Washington in a trade for running back Trung Canidate.

Ouarterback

Grade: B

If Warner's troublesome hand injuries aren't behind him, Martz will not hesitate to go with Marc Bulger, who was 6-0 in relief last season before a spine injury shelved him.

Warner must not only prove that he can throw as accurately and as deep as usual, he must reclaim the decisiveness and team leadership that were his hallmarks. Martz is hopeful new offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Steve Fairchild can help. Third-stringer Jamie Martin also started twice last season and Scott Covington was re-signed.

Running backs

Grade: A-

A healthy Faulk is still the best. At 30, he faces the critical turning point for all running backs. Faulk played through a dreaded high ankle sprain and missed two games.

With former heir apparent Canidate gone, young Lamar Gordon remains the primary backup. If Gordon gets sloppy with the ball, the Rams can turn to reliable free-agent pickup Leon Johnson from the Bears. The loss of fullback James Hodgins will hurt because he played an unsung role. J.R. Niklos and Chris Massey will fill in there.

Receivers

Losing reliable Ricky Proehl to the Panthers and tight end Ernie Conwell to the Saints weakens



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Cameron Cleeland, TE (UFA-NE)

Sean Landeta, P

(UFA-PHI) David Loverne, OG

(trade-WAS)

Jeremy Staat, DE Kyle Turley, OT

(trade-NO) Dave Wohlabaugh, C (CLE)

QUOTABLE

"There are so many guys in the league who are somewhat satisfied or happy with being the backup, but they're one play away from it all being on them. When the season started, they thought they were going to collect this check and watch it with me from the sideline."

-Mike Martz on the importance of solid depth

	A. 30
Team	NFL
Stats	Rank
347.4	13
87.8	30
259.6	2
316	23t
11.5	7
21.9	15
54.9	12t
314.1	13
113.5	14
200.6	12
369	23t
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38	7
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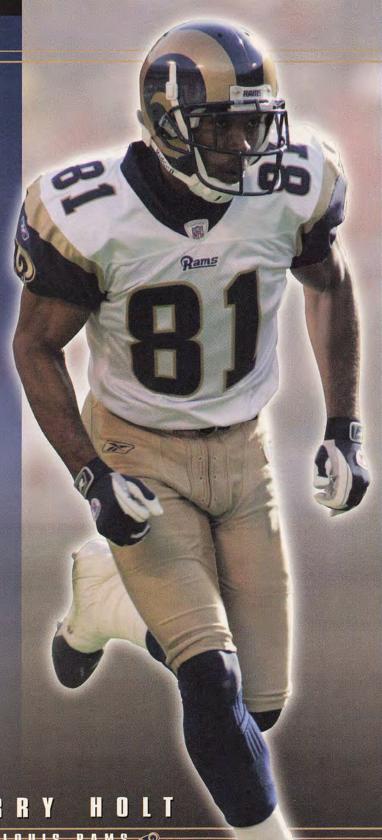
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Touchdowns Pass

Rush

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RAM FACT



Torry Jabar **HOLT**

Hometown: Greensboro, N.C.

Birthday: June 5, 1976

College: North Carolina State

NFL Experience: 4 years

Family Ties: Older sister Tosha (27) and a younger brother, Terrence (19)

Bet you didn't know that ... Torry's brother, Terrence, also played football at N.C. State as a free safety (1998-2002) and was drafted in the fifth round of April's NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions.

ST. LOUIS RAMS 🧐

2002 FINAL STATS Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
09/08	L	16-23	at Denver
09/15	L	21-26	New York Giants
09/23	L	14-26	at Tampa Bay
09/29	L	10-13	Dallas
10/06	1	13-37	at San Francisco
10/13	W	28-13	Oakland
10/20	W	37-20	Seattle
11/03	W	27-14	at Arizona
11/10	W	28-24	San Diego
11/18	W	21-16	Chicago
11/24	L	17-20	at Washington
12/01	1	3-10	at Philadelphia
12/08	L	10-49	at Kansas City
12/15	W	30-28	Arizona
12/22	L	10-30	at Seattle
12/30	W	31-20	San Francisco

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Faulk	212	953	4.5	44	8
Gordon	65	228	3.5	29	1
Wilkins	6	56	9.3	18	0
Canidate	17	48	2.8	22	0
Warner	8	33	4.1	9	0
Conwell	6	30	5.0	15	1
Edwards	3	21	7.0	27	0
Holt	2	18	9.0	14	0
Bruce	3	18	6.0	13	0
Hodgins	3	7	2.3	5	0
Martin	5	6	1.2	5	0
Rams	343	1405	4.1	44	11

Rams	343	1405	4.1	44	11
Opponents	445	1816	4.1	40	15

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holt	91	1302	14.3	58	4
Faulk	80	537	6.7	40	2
Bruce	79	1075	13.6	34t	7
Proehl	43	466	10.8	33	4
Conwell	34	419	12.3	52	2
Gordon	30	278	9.3	25	2
Edwards	18	157	8.7	48	2
Hodgins	9	47	5.2	11	0
Manumaleuna	8	106	13.3	27	1
Wilkins	5	31	6.2	14	0
Murphy	5	23	4.6	8	0
Canidate	4	31	7.8	13	0
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Rams	408	4480	11.0	58	24
Opponents	292	3449	11.8	83	15

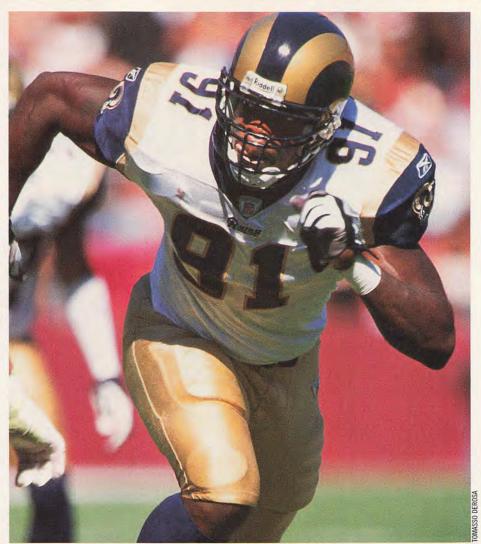
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Bulger	214	138	1826	14	6
Warner	220	144	1431	3	11
Martin	195	124	1216	7	10
Rams	635	408	4480	24	27
Opponents	461	292	3449	15	12

SACKS

Little 12.0, Wistrom 4.5, Lewis 4.0, Zgonina 4.0, Jackson 3.5, Whitely 3.0, Archuleta 2.5, Young 2.0, Bly 1.0, Pickett 0.5

Rams 38.0, Opponents 46.0

t=touchdown



Leonard Little, DE

a stellar group that's still solid with starters Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt, the NFC's only 1,000-yard tandem. But last year's pickups, Troy Edwards and Terrence Wilkins, will have to pick up their play considerably.

Draft picks Kevin Curtis and Shaun McDonald are small and smaller, the size Martz likes. Free-agent tight end Cam Cleeland from the Patriots will help Brandon Manumaleuna, and draft picks Dan Curley and Richard Angulo will vie for roster spots.

Defensive line Grade: B-

If third-year tackle Damione Lewis can't return 100 percent from his rookie foot injuries, look for No. 1 draft choice Jimmy Kennedy to start alongside solid young Ryan Pickett. Replacing departed Jeff Zgonina won't be easy, but when Kennedy slipped in the draft, the Rams happily added him. Brian Young is an experienced backup.

Outside, pass rusher Leonard Little and hustling Grant Wistrom are good ends, backed by Tyoka Jackson, who also plays tackle.

Linebackers

Grade: D

The linebacking was so disappointing last year that safety Adam Archuleta had to fill in, and defensive coordinator Lovie Smith is assuming more direct coaching duties for this group. Middle linebacker Jamie Duncan led the team in tackles, but wasn't the answer to replacing London Fletcher and could be replaced this year by second-year man Robert Thomas or second-rounder Pisa Tinoisamoa.

Undersized Tommy Polley remains the weakside starter. Don Davis has experience, but this position is looking for volunteers.

Secondary Grade: B-

The return of veteran cornerback Williams to health is crucial because the Rams lost starter Dre Bly to the Lions and backup Dexter McCleon to the Chiefs. Travis Fisher was impressive as a rookie and the Rams need draft choices DeJuan Groce, Shane Walton and Kevin Garrett to come through.

Archuleta led the team in tackles. If he can register more interceptions (one) than sacks (2.5), he's on his way to the Pro Bowl. Kim Herring is the free safety. Second-year prospect James Whitley can help at corner or safety.

Stadium Facts

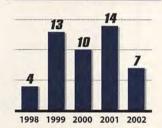
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TEAM	Avg. Att.	% Сар.	Avg. Tkt.	Beer	Size	Soda	Size	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Сар
St. Louis	66,062	100.1	\$52.37	\$6.50	24oz	\$2.75	140z	\$2.75	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$14.95
NFL AVG.	66,326	94.8	\$50.02	\$5.07	18oz	\$2.98	190z	\$3.23	\$13.53	\$5.28	\$15.61

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.7	@N.Y. Giants	1:00
Sept. 14	San Francisco	1:00
Sept. 21	@Seattle	4:05
Sept. 28	Arizona	1:00
Oct. 5	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 13	Atlanta	9:00
Oct. 19	Green Bay	1:00
Oct. 26	@Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 2	@San Francisco	4:15
Nov. 9	Baltimore	8:30
Nov. 16	@Chicago	1:00
Nov. 23	@Arizona	4:05
Nov. 30	Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 8	@Cleveland	9:00
Dec. 14	Seattle	1:00
Dec. 21	Cincinnati	1:00
Dec. 28	@Detroit	1:00

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

1 03.	
QB	Kurt Warner
FB	J.R. Niklos
RB	Marshall Faulk
LT	Orlando Pace
LG	Andy McCollum
C	Dave Wohlabaugh
RG	Adam Timmerman
RT	Kyle Turley
TE	Brandon Manumaleuna
WR	Isaac Bruce
WR	Torry Holt

DEFENSE

2	FIEDE
Pos.	
LE	Leonard Little
LT	Ryan Pickett
RT	Damione Lewis
RE	Grant Wistrom
OLB	Pisa Tinoisamoa
MLB	Robert Thomas
OLB	Tommy Polley
CB	Travis Fisher
CB	Aeneas Williams
SS	Adam Archuleta
FS	Kim Herring

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	Sean Landeta
K	Jeff Wilkins
PR	Shaun McDonald
KR	Shaun McDonald

Special teams Grade: C

Ageless punter Sean Landeta is making his second tour with the Rams. He replaces Mitch Berger. Jeff Wilkins needs to hit better than 76 percent of his field goals. Terrence Wilkins was below average in returns and the Rams were near bottom in both punt and kickoff coverage.

Management Grade: B-

Martz promises to be a more demanding coach after running a relaxed offseason and training camp before last year.

"We gave them probably more time than we should have," Martz says. "We should have kept them active and involved

throughout, and that may have been a mistake on my part."

Bottom line

After losing more starters than they gained in free agency, the Rams are hoping for improvement from within, especially health-wise. They need most of their 11 draft picks to produce.

Lots of questions face the Rams before they again become the feared offense they were in 2000-2001. Their confidence bordered on arrogance, but they dropped from scoring 31 points a game to 19. It's hard to tell what might happen inside the locker room if they can't regain that swagger.

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Mike Martz, head coach

Bobby April, special teams; Chris Clausen, strength and conditioning; Henry Ellard, offensive assistant/wide receivers; Jim Hanifan, offensive line; Bill Kollar, defensive line; Dana LeDuc, strength and conditioning; John Matsko, assistant head coach/offensive line; Wilbert Montgomery, running backs; John Ramsdell, wide receivers; Matt Sheldon, defensive assistant/quality control; Lovie Smith, defensive coordinator/ linebackers; Bob Babich, defensive assistant; Steve Fairchild, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks;

#	QUARTERBACK		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Bulger, Marc	QB	6-3	215	04/05/1977		West Virginia
4	Covington, Scott	QB	6-2	217	01/17/1976	2	Miami (FL)
13	Warner, Kurt	QB	6-2	220	06/22/1971	5	Northern Iowa
#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
60	Broyles, James	G	6-4	312	05/18/1978		SMS
50	Eby, Andy	(6-3	300	04/26/1979	0	Kansas State
	King, Andy	T	6-4	310	11/09/1978		Illinois State
	Loverne, David	G	6-3	299	05/22/1976		San Jose State
67	McCollum, Andy	G	6-4	300	06/02/1970		Toledo
76	Pace, Orlando	T	6-7	320	11/04/1975		Ohio State
62	Page, Craig	C	6-3	303	01/17/1976		Georgia Tech
	Scott, Travis	G	6-6	300	08/09/1979		Arizona State
70	St. Clair, John	T	6-4	320	07/15/1977	1	Virginia
62	Timmerman, Adam	G	6-4	310	08/14/1971	8	South Dakota Stat
77	Turley, Kyle	Ţ	6-5	300	09/24/1975		San Diego State
77	Williams, Grant Wohlabaugh, Dave	T	6-7 6-3	320 296	05/10/1974		Louisiana Tech
					04/13/1972		Syracuse
#	RUNNING BACKS	DD	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Faulk, Marshall	RB	5-10	211	02/26/1973		San Diego State
32	Gordon, Lamar Johnson, Leon	RB RB	6-1 6-1	214	01/07/1980 07/13/1974		North Dakota State North Carolina
45	Massey, Chris	RB	6-1	245	08/21/1979		Marshall
25	Niklos, J.R.	RB	6-3	233	06/19/1979		Western Illinois
# 80	Bruce, Isaac	WR	HT 6-1	WT 188	BORN 11/10/1972	EXP.	COLLEGE Memphis
85	Cleeland, Cam	TE	6-4	272	08/15/1975		Washington
03	Coleman, Michael	WR	5-11	190	09/07/1980		Widener
88	Edwards, Troy	WR	5-10	191	04/07/1977	4	Louisiana Tech
49	Finger, Dauntae'	TE	6-4	255	04/05/1977	0	North Carolina
81	Holt, Torry	WR	6-1	190	06/05/1976		North Carolina Sta
12	Kitchings, Desmond	WR	5-9	175	07/19/1978		Furman
89	Looker, Dane	WR	6-1	194	05/05/1976		Washington
86	Manumaleuna, B.	TE	6-2	288	01/04/1980		Arizona
82	Wilkins, Terrence	WR	5-10	180	07/29/1975		Virginia
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94	Fisher, Bryce	DE	6-3	268	05/12/1977	2	Air Force
	Garner, Randy	DE	6-4	275	11/28/1977	0	Arkansas
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79	Pickett, Ryan	DT	6-2	310	10/08/1979	2	Ohio State
94	Staat, Jeremy	DE	6-5	300	10/10/1976		Arizona State
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23	Butler, Jerametrius	CB			00/02/02		
22	Fisher, Travis	CB	5-10	189	09/12/1979	1	UCF
22 20	Fisher, Travis Herring, Kim	CB S	5-10 6-1	189 200	09/10/1975	6	Penn State
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CARDINALS

Mass talent exodus provides writing on wall for hapless Cards

Smith's presence won't be enough to prevent what could be a disastrous season

tarting over is a perennial challenge for the Cardinals, who rarely have anywhere to go but up.

Once believed to be franchise cornerstones, quarterback Jake Plummer and receiver David Boston both departed in the offseason without much pursuit.



Unfulfilled promise is as prevalent in Arizona as sunshine. Former top draft picks Andre Wadsworth, Simeon Rice and Eric Swann were supposed to rewrite the book on defensive line play, too.

Ebullient coach Dave McGinnis is getting tested again. The Cardinals are trying to salvage a season on the well-traveled arm of quarterback Jeff Blake and the well-worn legs of running back Emmitt Smith.

Offensive line

Grade: B-

If hope starts up front, McGinnis has reason for enthusiasm. The Cards boast a line anchored last season by huge tackles L.J. Shelton and Leonard Davis, but Davis and left guard Pete Kendall are both coming off knee injuries and another huge tackle, Anthony Clement, is coming off two operations for torn triceps.

If Clement can return to right tackle, Davis can go back to right guard, where Chris Dishman filled in. That would give Smith two "roadgraders" on the right side to run behind. Jason Starkey is the center. Newcomer Frank Garcia from the Rams, Raleigh Roundtree and John Fina lend experienced depth.

Ouarterback

Grade: C

After deciding their future was no longer with Plummer, the Cardinals scrambled for a replacement until young Josh McCown is ready. They settled on Blake from the Ravens after flirting with Kordell Stewart.

Blake's numbers with Baltimore were nothing special, but his accuracy and efficiency were better than Plummer last season. Blake likes to throw deep, but the Cardinals are so thin at receiver that handing off to Smith might be his primary duty. McCown needs repetition in practice and games, a luxury the Cards find difficulty obtaining.

Running backs

Grade: B

Marcel Shipp beat out former No. 1 draft choice Thomas Jones, who finished with a broken hand and out of favor. But the Cardinals still wanted Smith, the only proven and durable runner on the roster.

After breaking Walter Payton's all-time rushing record last year, Smith refused to fade into the Dallas sunset and already has his eye on an Oct. 5 homecoming in Texas Stadium. James Hodgins was signed from the Rams to play fullback and could help improve the running game for new coordinator Jerry Sullivan as much as anybody.

Receivers

Grade: D

Decimated after the departure of their top three receivers in free agency, the Cardinals were forced



OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

► Jeff Blake, QB (UFA-BAL)

► James Darling, LB (UFA-NYJ)

► Frank Garcia, OL (UFA-STL)

► James Hodgins, FB (STL)

► Dexter Jackson, FS (UFA-TB)

Emmitt Smith, RB (DAL)

Cameron Spikes, OL (UFA-HOU)

QUOTABLE

"I would hope that we will stay healthier and not lose so many players to injury like we did last season. I mean at the end, almost all of the original starting unit was out. We can compete for a Super Bowl...."

-OL Leonard Davis

NUMBERS

	Team	NFL
Category	Stats	Rank
Total Offense	285.2	27
Rushing	113.9	15
Passing	171.3	29
Scoring	262	29
Punt Returns	6.1	29
Kick Returns	22.2	13
Red Zone TD %	55.0	11
Total Defense	376.3	29
Against Rush	134.1	30
Against Pass	242.1	28
Points Allowed	417	29
Interceptions	17	15t
Sacks	21	32
Turnover Diff.	-10	27
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		Pass	Penalty
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40	17/	22	7

Touchdowns

Rush Pass Ret. Def.

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CARDINAL FACT



Hometown:

Larchwood, Calif.

Birthday: Nov. 17, 1978

College: Nebraska

NFL Experience: 2 years

Family Ties:

Older sister, Amy, and older brother, Keith

Bet you didn't know that ... Kyle graduated from Nebraska one semester early with a bachelor's degree in finance and finished with a 3.82 grade-point average.

KYLE VANDEN BOSGH

ARIZONA CARDINALS 💗

Riddell

2002 FINAL STATS Won 5, Lost 11

Ī	DATE	W/L	SCORE	OPPONENT
	09/08	L	23-31	at Washington
	09/15	W	24-13	at Seattle
	09/22	L	15-23	San Diego
	09/29	W	21-7	New York Giants
	10/06	W	16-13	at Carolina
	10/20	W	9-6 (OT)	Dallas
	10/27	L	28-38	at San Francisco
	11/03	L	14-27	St. Louis
	11/10	L	6-27	Seattle
	11/17	L	14-38	at Philadelphia
	11/24	L	20-41	Oakland
	12/01	L	0-49	at Kansas City
	12/08	W	23-20 (OT)	Detroit
	12/15	L	28-30	at St. Louis
	12/21	L	14-17	San Francisco
	12/29	L	7-37	at Denver
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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Shipp	188	834	4.4	56	6
T. Jones	138	511	3.7	58t	2
Plummer	46	283	6.2	34t	2
Anderson	24	65	2.7	14	0
Makovicka	5	54	10.8	22	0
Boston	2	29	14.5	22	0
McCown	1	20	20.0	20	0
Kasper	3	19	6.3	9	0
Jenkins	3	6	2.0	10	0
Cardinals	414	1823	4.4	58t	10

Cardinals	414	1823	4.4	58t	10
Opponents	490	2146	4.4	59	17

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
F. Jones	44	358	8.1	24	1
Shipp	38	413	10.9	80t	3
Sanders	34	400	11.8	37	2
Boston	32	512	16.0	34	1
McAddley	25	362	14.5	42	1
Jenkins	21	250	11.9	65t	1
T. Jones	20	113	5.7	17	0
Bush	19	121	6.4	13	1
Kasper	15	180	12.0	24	3
Makovicka	15	81	5.4	17	3
Poole	13	108	8.3	15	1
Jackson	5	42	8.4	11t	1
Soliday	4	39	9.8	16	0
Anderson	3	36	12.0	12	0
Gilmore	1	14	14.0	14	0
Cardinals	291	3038	10.4	80t	18
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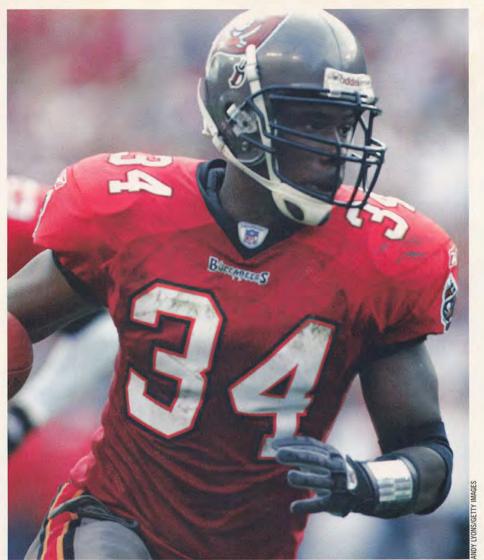
Opponents	335	4005	12.0	78t	29
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Plummer	530	284	2972	18	20
McCown	18	7	66	0	2
Cardinals	548	291	3038	18	22
Opponents	535	335	4005	29	17

SACKS

Vanden Bosch 3.5, Thompson 3.0, Bell 2.0, Davis 2.0, Tanner 2.0, Wakefield 2.0, Bryant 1.5, Wilson 1.5, Fredrickson 1.0, Hill 1.0, Woods 0.5

Cardinals 21.0, Opponents 41.0

t=touchdown



Dexter Jackson, FS

to trade down in the draft and use two of their first three picks on receivers Bryant Johnson and Anquan Boldin.

With Boston going to the Chargers, Frank Sanders to the Ravens and MarTay Jenkins to the Falcons, the Cardinals are high on the potential of speedy Bryan Gilmore, who spent most of his second season on injured reserve. Second-year man Jason McAddley also showed promise as a rookie.

The leading receiver was tight end Freddie Jones with only 44 catches, so Blake won't be the only newcomer in this lineup.

Defensive line

Last in the league in sacks for two years, the Cardinals know they can't compete with a defense ranked 29th (30 against the run, 28 against the pass). Ends Kyle Vanden Bosch and Fred Wakefield are hard-working players but the team needs more speed on the edge, so the addition of Calvin Pace in the first round was crucial. The Cards passed up Arizona State's record-breaking sacker Terrell Suggs to slide down, so Pace carries

a heavy burden. Second-year prospect Dennis Johnson also returns and fifthrounder Kenny King will get a look.

Last year's top draft pick, tackle Wendell Bryant, made no impact after signing late, so he remains essentially a rookie with added expectations. Journeyman Russell Davis is the other tackle ahead of Marcus Bell and Barron Tanner.

Linebackers

Grade: C-

The trio of Ray Thompson, Ronald McKinnon and Rob Fredrickson was reliable but lacked big-play capability. Ex-Jet James Darling may start over Fredrickson outside. LeVar Woods and Michael Young lend some depth.

Draft picks Gerald Hayes and Tony Gilbert will get plenty of opportunity. Both are short hustlers and the kind of players McGinnis loves to coach.

Secondary

Grade: D

Grade: C

For the Cardinals to improve their secondary, cornerback Duane Starks must stay healthy. He missed six games last season. Backup corners David Barrett and Renaldo Hill missed four more.

Stadium Facts

Arizona

NFL AVG.

Sun Devil Stadium

40,909

66,326

Avg. Att. % Cap. Avg. Tkt. Beer Size Soda

Capacity: 73,014 Turf: Grass Tickets: (602) 379-0102

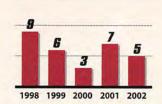
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FIVE-YEAR

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2003 Schedule

		All Times Eastern
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 7	@Detroit	1:00
Sept. 14	Seattle	4:05
Sept. 21	Green Bay	4:05
Sept. 28	@St. Louis	1:00
Oct. 5	@Dallas	1:00
Oct. 12	Baltimore	4:15
Oct. 19	OPEN DATE	
Oct. 26	San Francisco	4:05
Nov. 2	Cincinnati	4:05
Nov. 9	@Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 16	@Cleveland	1:00
Nov. 23	St. Louis	4:05
Nov. 30	@Chicago	1:00
Dec.7	@San Francisco	4:05
Dec. 14	Carolina	4:15
Dec. 21	@Seattle	4:15
Dec. 28	Minnesota	4:05

Projected Starters

OFFENSE

\$50.02 \$5.07 18oz \$2.98 19oz \$3.23 \$13.53

Pos.	
QB	Jeff Blake
FB	James Hodgins
RB	Emmitt Smith
LT	L.J. Shelton
LG	Pete Kendall
C	Jason Starkey
- RG	Leonard Davis
RT	Anthony Clement
TE	Freddie Jones
WR	Jason McAddley
WR	Bryant Johnson

DEF	ENSE
Pos.	
LE	Fred Wakefield
LT	Russell Davis
RT	Wendell Bryant
RE	Kyle Vanden Bosch
OLB	Ray Thompson
MLB	Ronald McKinnon
OLB	James Darling
CB	Duane Starks
CB	David Barrett
SS	Adrian Wilson
FS	Dexter Jackson

Pos.	
P	Scott Player
K	Bill Gramatica
PR	Arnold Jackson
KR	Kevin Kasper

Free safety Dexter Jackson, the Super Bowl MVP, was signed from Tampa Bay and should join starting strong safety Adrian Wilson, a big hitter who needs to cut down on mistakes his second year on the job. Justin Lucas and Michael Stone are backups.

Special teams Grade: D

Jenkins will be missed after leading the league in kickoffreturn average before he was hurt. Punter Scott Player ranks among the best, but kicker Bill Gramatica and punt returner Arnold Jackson were below average. Backup receiver Kevin Kasper will return kickoffs.

Management

Grade: C-

It's hard to blame new General Manager Rod Graves for past problems in securing talent, or McGinnis for failing to coach players who don't stay. By 2006, the Bidwill family is supposed to finally have a new stadium. Until then, the struggle to repair a poor franchise image continues.

Bottom line

The Cardinals always seem to have more problems than they can solve. It would be impossible to find a more positive coach than McGinnis, but he doesn't have enough fingers to keep plugging the leaks in the dike.

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Dave McGinnis, head coach

Geep Chryst, quarterbacks; Mike Devlin, assistant offensive line/offensive quality control; Jeff FitzGerald, linebackers; Joe Greene, defensive line; Pete Hoener, offensive line; Hank Kuhlmann, special teams; Stan Kwan, special teams assistant: Larry Marmie, defensive coordinator: Ron Milus, defensive backs: Bob Rogucki, strength and conditioning; Johnny Roland, running backs; Jerry Sullivan, offensive coordinator; Cary Godette, assistant defensive line; Tyke Tolbert, wide receivers; Marty Galbraith, tight ends

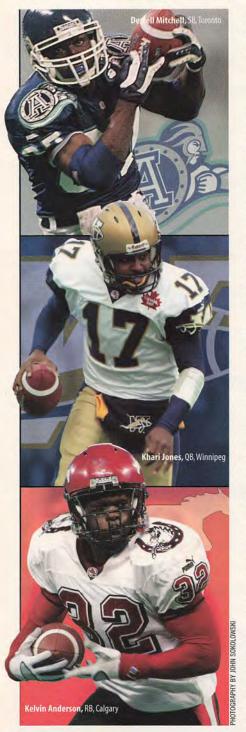
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65	Clement, Anthony	T	HT 6-8	WT 328	0	BORN 4/10/1976	EXP.	S.W. Louisiana
75	Davis, Leonard	G	6-6	372		9/05/1978		Texas
67	Dishman, Chris	G	6-3	340		2/27/1974		Nebraska
	Garcia, Frank	C	6-2	302		1/28/1972		Washington
64	Grace, Steven	C	6-3	296		2/13/1979		Arizona
66	Kendall, Pete	G	6-5	288		7/09/1973		Boston College
78	Rogers, Kendrick	T	6-5	311		0/10/1976		Alabama A&M
73	Roundtree, Raleigh	G	6-4	295		8/31/1975		South Carolina State
70	Shelton, L.J.	Ţ	6-6	335		3/21/1976		Eastern Michigan
50	Spikes, Cameron Starkey, Jason	G	6-2	323 297		1/06/1976		Texas A&M Marshall
71	Whiting, Teag	G	6-3	320		7/15/1977 4/16/1979		Brigham Young
68	Wragge, Tony	G	6-4	311		8/14/1979		New Mexico State
#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Anderson, Damien	RB	5-11	217	0	7/17/1979		Northwestern
42	Hodgins, James	RB	6-1	270	0	4/30/1977	4	San Jose State
26	Jones, Thomas	RB	5-10	220	0	8/19/1978		Virginia
39	McKinley, Dennis	RB	6-2	247		1/03/1976		Mississippi State
25	Prentice, Travis	RB	5-11	221		2/08/1976		Miami (OH)
33	Scobey, Josh	RB	6-0	207		2/11/1979		Kansas State
31	Shipp, Marcel Smith, Emmitt	RB RB	5-11 5-9	226 212		8/08/1978 5/15/1969		Massachusetts Florida
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#	RECEIVERS	77	HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80 87	Banks, Mike	TE	6-4	263 274		1/05/1979		Iowa State
0/	Bush, Steve Foster, Larry	WR	5-10	188		7/04/1974 1/07/1976		Arizona State LSU
86	Gilmore, Bryan	WR	6-1	193		7/21/1978		Midwestern State
48	Hodel, Nathan	TE	6-2	245		1/12/1977		Illinois
85	Jones, Freddie	TE	6-4	271		9/16/1974		North Carolina
11	Kasper, Kevin	WR	6-1	193		2/23/1977	2	lowa
83	McAddley, Jason	WR	6-2	204		7/28/1979		Alabama
19	Poole, Nathan	WR	6-2	212		2/01/1977	1	Marshall
18	Soliday, Jake	WR	6-1	195	1	1/16/1978	1	Northern Iowa
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	100	HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
94	Bell, Marcus	DT	6-2	330		5/01/1979	2	Memphis
91	Bryant, Wendell	DT	6-4	314		9/12/1980		Wisconsin
98	Davis, Russell	DT	6-4	316		3/28/1975	4	North Carolina
72	Dwyer, Nate	DT	6-3	316		9/30/1978	0	Kansas
96 92	Johnson, Dennis Tanner, Barron	DE DT	6-5 6-3	264 346		2/04/1979 9/14/1973	1 5	Kentucky Oklahoma
93	Vanden Bosch, Kyle	DE	6-4	263		1/17/1978	2	Nebraska
97	Wakefield, Fred	DE	6-7	288		9/17/1978	2	Illinois
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	-	нт	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
36	Barrett, David	СВ	5-10	198	1	2/22/1977	3	Arkansas
27	Eason, Nijrell	CB	6-1	205		5/20/1979	1	Arizona State
29	Harris, Quentin	5	6-1	214		1/26/1977	1	Syracuse
21	Hill, Renaldo	CB	5-11	183		1/12/1978		Michigan State
34	Jackson, Dexter	5	6-1	203		7/28/1977	4	Florida State
41	Lucas, Justin	5	5-10	198	0	7/15/1976	4	Abilene Christian
23	Rhinehart, Coby	CB	5-11	196		2/07/1977	3	Southern Methodist
22	Starks, Duane	CB	5-10	172		5/23/1974	5	Miami (FL)
44 24	Stone, Michael Wilson, Adrian	CB	5-11	197		2/13/1978	2	Memphis North Carolina State
-	Wilson, Adrian	S	6-3	217	- 1	0/12/1979		North Carolina State
#	LINEBACKERS	10	HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
54	Darling, James	LB LB	6-1	250 241		2/29/1974	6	Washington State LSU
52	Faulk, Trev Fisher, Levar	LB	6-2	233		8/06/1981 7/02/1979	1	North Carolina State
59	Rob Fredrickson	LB	6-4	239		5/13/1971	10	Michigan State
	Jones, Grea	LB	6-4	245		5/22/1974		Colorado
57	McKinnon, Ronald	LB	6-1	248		9/20/1973	7	North Alabama
55	Thompson, Ray	LB	6-3	217	1	1/21/1977	3	Tennessee
56	Woods, LeVar	LB	6-2	245		3/15/1978	2	lowa
53	Young, Michael	LB	6-2	247	0	5/01/1978	1	Illinois
#	KICKERS		HT	WT		BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
6	Duncan, Tim	K	6-2	213		5/12/1979		Oklahoma
7	Gramatica, Bill	K	5-10	187		7/10/1978	2	South Florida
10	Player, Scott	Р	6-1	221	1.	2/17/1969	5	Florida State
		3	2003	DR	AFI	EES		
RD	PICK NAME			POS	нт	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	17 Johnson, Bi	want		WR	6-2	214	03/07/81	Penn State
i	18 Pace, Calvin			DE	6-4	269	10/28/80	Wake Forest
2	22 Boldin, And	man		WR	6-1	216	10/03/80	Florida State

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Canadian Football League



Montreal, Edmonton look to be the favorites in a CFL gaining stability

By RICK MATSUMOTO, Toronto Star

Browsing through the Canadian Football League section in back copies of this journal, one can't help but see a common theme running through the annual previews over the past decade or two.

The CFL, it seemed, was in a constant state of turmoil and always teetering on the brink of disaster. Adjectives such as "beleaguered," "problem-plagued" and "troubled" were used regularly to describe the latest concerns. But the fortunes of the league finally appear to be on the rise, and just in time for the fortuitous arrival of Tom Wright, the latest in a recent parade of commissioners.

Wright, the former president of adidas Canada, believes the league's resurgence has to do, in part, with its slowly improving stability.

"The game got overshadowed by league problems," he says. "But now the focus clearly has been able to go back to the game."

Wright also thinks the CFL's humble nature has contributed to its regrowth. Fans of many of the other pro sports have lost touch with players earning astronomical salaries and developing egos to match.

"I think the CFL has a wonderfully different perspective and position in Canada's professional sports culture," Wright says. "Our athletes are relatable and approachable. A CFL player earns what a firefighter or schoolteacher earns. People can relate to that.

"As a lot of fans become disillusioned with the values of some professional sports in terms of labor unrest, threat of strikes, teams folding and skyrocketing salaries, they look to this simple but exciting CFL game and say 'I can relate to these players.""

Values, as they pertain to both ticket prices and what the CFL has meant to Canadians, have also played a part in the renewed interest, says Wright. "You don't have to take out a second mortgage to buy season tickets," he says. "That speaks to the value.

"The other side is the values that our game shows. It's fast-paced and unpredictable and distinctly Canadian. Hockey has always been 'our' sport; but the NHL is now headquartered in New York, most of the teams are in the U.S. and some great Canadian teams—Winnipeg and Quebec City—have left.

"But this game is ours. It's different from the NFL. And Canadians seem to recognize that this is one game that hasn't been Americanized."

The league returned to its roots last year with the establishment of a franchise in Ottawa after a five-year absence and, while the familiar Rough Rider moniker disappeared, fans in the nation's capital embraced the new team, named the Renegades, wholeheartedly. Season-ticket sales topped the 12,000 mark and an average attendance of 23,773 was a far cry from the 14,000 to 15,000 that straggled into Frank Clair Stadium in the Riders' final season. While the Renegades managed just four victories in 2002, their return to the league was generally deemed a rousing success.

Fan support increased in four of the other eight cities. The most significant rise of 30 percent came in Toronto, where the Argonauts boosted interest by bringing in a variety of special entertainment, including a tribute night to Muhammad Ali.

In places where attendance declined, the biggest dip was in Vancouver, where the B.C. Lions played before an average of 1,300 fewer fans at B.C. Place Stadium after getting off to a 1-5 start. Hamilton continued to be a concern as the Tiger-Cats drew an average of 17,699 fans, the lowest in the league.

The overall upswing, however, seems to have overshadowed the downside, and nothing brought smiles to league owners and executives more than the television numbers. Regular-season viewership on TSN, the Canadian sports cable network, was up 27 percent to an average of 336,000 per game. On the CBC national



network, viewership increased by 19 percent to 450,000 a game. The numbers were even better for the CFL's four playoff games. Each game (both semifinals and the Grey Cup final) attracted more than a million viewers, an increase of 44 percent over the previous season.

The numbers went through the CBC studio roof for the Grey Cup game as an all-time high of 5.54 million Canadians sat in front of their television sets to watch the Montreal Alouettes win their first championship in 25 years.

The game in Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium drew 62,531 fans, giving the CFL its first-ever back-to-back Grey Cup crowds in excess of 60,000. The 2001 game in Montreal attracted 65,255.

The obvious increase in the league's popularity earned the CFL a new five-year television contract worth \$47.5 million, a \$10 million increase over the previous pact.

Under the new deal, 72 of the 81 regular-season games will be televised; 50 on TSN, the actual rights holders. TSN has, in turn, has sold 22 games to CBC, as well as the playoffs and Grey Cup game, which traditionally is shown on the national network.

EAST DIVISION



MONTREAL ALOUETTES

The Alouettes and their fans undoubtedly sighed with relief when CFL All-Star quarterback Anthony Calvillo re-signed with the club in February.

The veteran QB, who was named the Grey Cup's Most Outstanding Player after guiding the Als to a 25-16 win over Edmonton, had caused considerable consternation when he failed to reach an agreement with the club prior to the free-agency deadline. He reportedly was asking for an astronomical sum (by CFL standards) of \$400,000 a season on a multiyear pact and leveraging his demands with well-calculated news leaks of interest from NFL teams. And the fact that both the Toronto Argonauts and Calgary Stampeders expressed interest didn't hurt his cause, either.

In the end, though, the 30-year-old Calvillo, who completed 338 passes last season for 5,013 yards and 13 TDs, didn't remain a free agent for long, signing a new pact in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

The Als could ill afford to lose their star pivot. They had already lost wide receiver Pat Woodcock (Washington Redskins), defensive end Adrianno Belli (Cleveland Browns), wide receiver/kick returner Keith Stokes (Miami Dolphins), running back Thomas Haskins (Edmonton Eskimos) and guard Kevin Lefsrud (Edmonton). And veteran punter/kicker Terry Baker retired after 16 seasons.

Despite the departures, coach Don Matthews, who was named CFL Coach of the Year in 2002, still has a sizable array of talent with which to defend Montreal's first CFL championship since 1977.

Former NFLer Lawrence Phillips had an outstanding, if sometimes controversial, first season in the CFL, rushing for 1,022 yards and scoring 13 TDs. The ex-Nebraska star was not asked back, however, because of detrimental conduct. Ben Cahoon, the team's leading receiver with 75 catches for 1,060 yards, leads the pass-catching corps, but the 146 receptions and 2,351 yards represented by Stokes, Woodcock and Haskins won't be easily made up.

The Als managed to re-sign import offensive tackle Neal Fort and native Canadian defensive tackle Ed Philion. They also grabbed Montreal native Paul Lambert, a talented young offensive lineman, away from Hamilton and defensive back Omar Evans from Saskatchewan.





TORONTO ARGONAUTS

After making significant strides in the second half of last season, the Boatmen continue to sail on the same compass heading.

Former Argonauts star running back Mike "Pinball" Clemons, who had moved into the club president's office after his retirement, returned to the sidelines last September as head coach following the firing of Gary Etcheverry. He remains in that capacity this season and, while he's formally given up the presidency, he remains the No. 2 man in the organization under owner Sherwood Schwarz.

Realizing that his experience as a head coach is limited, Clemons wisely brought in knowledgeable help in assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Adam Rita, defensive coordinator Rich Stubler and personnel director Greg Mohns. All possess Grey Cup championship rings beginning with Rita's five, including one from 1991 when he guided the Argonauts to the title as head coach.

This leadership quartet approached the new season realizing they had to solidify their quarterbacking situation, establish a formidable running game and upgrade the team's Canadian content.

The Argos will go into the season with veteran Reggie Slack at quarterback. He came out of retirement last year to take the team to within a game (a loss to Montreal in the Eastern final) of a Grey Cup appearance. But Rita, in particular, is anxious to groom a QB of the future. He is high on second-year pro Marcus Brady and former Kansas State star Michael Bishop. Their top target will again be veteran slotback Derrell Mitchell.

The running back situation appears solved with the return of Mike Jenkins, who led the CFL in rushing in 2001, a feat that earned him a contract with the NFL's Houston Texans. However, he spent the entire 2002 season on the Texans' practice squad and elected to return to Toronto rather than go to an NFL Europe team.

The task of rebuilding the Canadian talent pool began with the free-agent signings of defensive end Wayne Weathers (Winnipeg); defensive tackle Noah Cantor, who is returning to the Argos after five seasons on the West Coast with B.C.; and offensive lineman Shawn Gifford (Saskatchewan). The acquisition of Weathers and Cantor allowed the Argos to trade All-Canadian defensive end Joe Montford to Hamilton.

The Argos lost the CFL's top punter, Noel Prefontaine, to the Kansas City Chiefs, but managed to re-sign All-Star defensive tackle Johnny Scott and defensive backs Adrion Smith and Orlando Steinauer.





HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

There's an unwritten rule in pro sports that if you must trade one of your best players (for monetary or other reasons), you don't deal him to your arch rival. But that's exactly what the Argonauts did when they agreed to send Joe Montford, a five-time CFL All-Star and a three-time winner of the league's Top Defensive Player Award, back to the Tiger-Cats.

In an unprecedented show of goodwill, Clemons, who makes the final football decisions in Toronto, arranged the deal to send Montford, a close friend, to the Ti-cats rather than somewhere in the West Division so that he could be closer to his family in Atlanta.

Ti-cats coach and Director of Football Operations Ron Lancaster admitted he was caught off-guard by Toronto's offer. But after hesitating only long enough to get Montford to agree to a sizable pay cut, he sealed the deal by sending wide receiver Tony Miles and fullback Randy Bowles to the Argos.

Montford's return solidifies the Hamilton defense. It's the offense that might give Lancaster some sleepless nights.

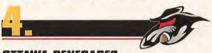
One thing he'll need is for veteran quarterback Danny McManus, heading into his 13th CFL campaign, to bounce back from a career-worst season. As recently as

1999, he topped almost every CFL passing category while taking the Ti-cats to the Grev Cup. Last year, however, was a disaster for the one-time Florida State star. He ranked 13th among CFL pivots and, when you consider the league has only nine clubs, it meant he was worse than several part-timers.

Adding further to Lancaster's offensive concerns was the unexpected retirement of receiver Darren Flutie (the younger brother of Doug), who signed a new contract but then informed Lancaster that he'd changed his mind. Lancaster was hoping that as the weather warmed up and training camp drew closer, Flutie might reverse his decision once again. Also retiring was solid Canadian wideout Andrew Grigg.

Hamilton did manage to re-sign running back Troy Davis, the former Iowa State star, and slotback Archie Amerson and brought back center Carl Coulter, who spent last season with Ottawa after being left unprotected in the expansion draft.

The seemingly ageless Paul Osbaldiston, 39, returns for his 17th season as the team's punter and placekicker.



OTTAWA RENEGADES

The reborn Renegades managed just four wins in their first year back in the league, but played entertaining football, evident in the fact that they had the highest average attendance in the East at 23,773.

They are expected to climb the ladder this season with a more experienced squad.

"There's no substitute for continuity and playing together," says General Manager Eric Tillman. "This is now a group of men who have played together for a year. The coaches have a better feel for the players, which is so important."

The Renegades also have better access this year to players at U.S. colleges and in the NFL.

"Because of my connection with Ole Miss, people asked why I wasn't able to sign (former Rebel great) John Avery (who turned out to be the league's leading rusher with Edmonton)," says Tillman, an Ole Miss grad. "Well, that was because he was already on the Eskimos' negotiation list. Our negotiation list is much stronger now; we're on equal footing with other teams."

One player whom Tillman slapped on the negotiation list and managed to sign was highly sought quarterback Dameyune Craig, who spent four seasons with the NFL's Carolina Panthers and another with the Scottish Claymores of NFL Europe. In a game against Frankfurt, Craig passed for 611 yards and five touchdowns. Craig will battle for the starting QB job with holdovers Dan Crowley and Sam Clemons, plus

another highly touted newcomer. Romaro Miller, another former Ole Miss star.

The quarterbacks will be under the scrutiny not only of coach Joe Paopao, a former CFL pivot, but another ex-CFL passer, Kent Austin, who is the team's new quarterback coach.

Tillman is hopeful that the revolving door at the receiving spots will end with the addition of Sherrod Gideon, who attended three NFL camps, and former Roughrider Reggie Jones.

Defense was the Renegades' strong suit last season and the re-signing of linebackers John Grace and Kelly Wiltshire and return of veteran cornerback Gerald Vaughn will ensure they retain that hand this season.

WEST DIVISION



EDMONTON ESKIMOS

Coach Tom Higgins has a problem that every coach in the CFL would like to havean abundance of quality quarterbacks.

In Jason Maas and Ricky Ray, Higgins has a pair of pivots who have proven they can start in this league. Maas won the starting job in 2001, allowing the Eskimos to deal Nealon Greene to Saskatchewan. He started last year but, when he injured his back, Ray took over and enjoyed such success that Maas was unable to get his

Ray led the Eskimos to first place in the West with a 13-5 record and then past Winnipeg in the division final before finally coming up short to Montreal in the Grey Cup game. Based on that performance, Ray should be the starter this season.

While it might seem prudent for Higgins to keep a proven asset such as Maas in reserve, the team is also high on Boise State grad Bart Hendricks and could deal Maas to strengthen themselves at another position.

The Eskimos looked as if they would have a huge hole to fill when running back John Avery returned to the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings after a single season in Edmonton in which he led the league in rushing with 1,448 yards on 229 carries. However, the Eskies wasted no time in filling the gap when they signed speedster Thomas Haskins, who had become a free agent with Montreal.

Haskins was used mainly as a receiver in Montreal, catching 68 passes for 941 yards, and will be a double threat in Edmonton. However, the Eskimos are hardly short of quality receivers. Terry Vaughn finished second in receptions with 94 for 1,291 yards, while Jason Tucker had 51 for 911 and Ed Hervey 50 for 817.

Defensively, the front four will again be paced by much-traveled but still effective rush end Elfrid Payton, who led the league with 16 sacks, and Albert Reese, who was tied for second in sacks with nine.

All-Star guard Bruce Beaton and punter/kicker Sean Fleming also re-signed with the Western champions.



The Blue Bombers were the pick of many CFL observers last year to not only come

out on top of the West Division, but also to take home the Grey Cup.

They missed the brass ring on both counts. Coach and Vice President of Football Operations Dave Ritchie offers three reasons for his team's failure to attain its 2002 goalsinjuries, turnovers and penalties.

There's not much a team can do about preventing injuries, but Ritchie is determined to improve the Bombers' statistics in the other two areas. Winnipeg had the thirdworst turnover ratio at minus-9 and was the second-most-penalized team.

"We lost two or three games by less than seven points which we could have won if we hadn't turned the ball over or taken a penalty at critical times," Ritchie says.

Veteran field boss and personnel director Brendan Taman says the Bombers will also have to fill holes created by the loss of five players to free agency. The major defections were wide receiver Arland Bruce, whose 66 catches for 1.028 vards and 12 TDs earned him a contract with the San Francisco 49ers; offensive tackle Garrick Jones, who signed with Kansas City Chiefs; and Canadian defensive end Wayne Weathers, who jumped to the Argonauts.

Despite those losses, Ritchie has anything but a dearth of talent.

Quarterback Khari Jones continued to be one of the league's most proficient passers, completing 61.6 percent of his league-high 620 passes for 5,334 yards and an amazing 46 TDs, only two shy of Doug Flutie's CFL record.

Wide receiver Milt Stegall, who earned the league's Most Outstanding Player Award over Montreal QB Anthony Calvillo, caught 106 of Jones' passes for 1,896 yards and he'll be the No. 1 target again this season. Mike Sellers and Charles Roberts accounted for another 108 receptions and 1,256 yards last season.

Roberts' main threat, of course, was as a ball-carrier, with 216 rushes for 1,162 yards, second only to Edmonton's John Avery.

Denny Fortney and Doug Brown, the twin All-Star towers, anchor the defensive line, while offensive tackle Dave Mudge, another All-CFLer, heads the O-line.





B.C. LIONS

Taking over a team with a 3-5 record and winning seven of the remaining 10 games didn't save general manager and interim coach Adam Rita from getting the boot at season's end.

Now the twin roles have fallen to Wally Buono, who became persona non grata in the eyes of the Stampeder ownership despite bringing three Grey Cups to Calgary during his 14-year tenure.

Buono's task is not only to win games but bring stability and continuity to an organization that has seen too many changes at the top and too few results. The consequence has been a pummeling at the box office. Last year the Lions drew an average of just over 18,000 fans per game, which ranked ahead of only Hamilton.

Buono knows that changing the outlook of B.C. fans won't come overnight. But he plans to start "by utilizing the talents of a future (CFL) Hall-of-Fame quarterback," he says, referring to 40-year-old Damon Allen. "But a quarterback is only as good as the guys around him. We have to develop a package around him like we did in Calgary."

He'll start by upgrading the import talent on offense, where last year the Lions didn't have a receiver ranked in the top 16 and the leading rusher was Canadian fullback Sean Millington, who's now retired.

Buono thinks Lyle Green, who is in his third season, and second-year man Willie Hurst can develop into solid running backs, but they'll have plenty of competition at training camp.

The same applies to the receiving corps, which Buono describes as "decent as a group, but not as explosive as the group we had in Calgary.'

Alfred Jackson led the Lions last year with 39 catches for 785 yards, while Gerov Simon had 59 for 754 yards. Buono also acquired free-agent receiver Chris Brazzell, who had 30 catches for 546 yards last year with Edmonton.

Defensively, Buono retained two of the three coaches from last year's staff, and the re-signing of veteran cornerback Eric Carter should provide leadership to the unit.

However, the Lions lost an outstanding linebacker in Brendon Ayanbadejo to the Miami Dolphins.



SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

Despite finishing fourth in the five-team division, the Roughriders had the league's best defensive record, allowing just 393 points or a little under 22 points per game.

They may have to rely on the defense again this season. The unit comes back almost intact, losing only linebacker George White and defensive tackle Sheldon Napastuk-neither of whom were startersto Calgary as free agents.

Head coach Danny Barrett also went to camp looking for an improvement at middle linebacker over Trevis Smith, but the outside linebacker positions seemed set with Reggie Hunt and Jackie Mitchell.

The defensive line of Shonte Peoples. Scott Schultz, Nathan Davis and Ray Jacobs returns as a unit, but the secondary, which many considered the best in the league, lost halfback Omar Evans to Montreal. However, Eddie Davis, who played the other halfback spot, re-signed after playing out his option year. Omarr Morgan and LaDouphyous McCalla return at the corners, but Canadian Jason Mallett could be in trouble at free safety.

While the defense ranked No. 1 last season. the offense was the eighth-most potent, with only the Argonauts scoring less than the Riders. It may be a struggle again this season.

Quarterback Nealon Greene, who joined the Riders from Edmonton prior to the start of last season, spent much of the year nursing a myriad of injuries. That gave backup Kevin Glenn an opportunity to get more work than he might have expected. Glenn is now anxious to become a starter. if not with the Riders then somewhere else.

Whoever gets the call at quarterback will try to get familiar with an almost brand new set of receivers. The biggest loss is Derrick Armstrong, who caught 70 passes for 1,104 yards and signed with the Houston Texans. Among the newcomers is Corey Grant, who comes over from Montreal as a free agent.

The Riders came up with a load of cash to re-sign punter/kicker Paul McCallum, a 10-year veteran.



CALGARY STAMPEDERS

The biggest test for the Stampeders will be how fans take to the loss of popular coach and general manager Wally Buono, and especially the ham-fisted manner in which his departure was handled.

Less than a year after Buono had taken the Stamps to the 2001 Grey Cup title-the third during his tenure-owner Michael Feterik began to push him towards the exit. When the Stamps got off to a horrific start in their defense of the Cup, Feterik brought in business pal Fred Fateri to give Buono the final shove.

Feterik gave the Lions permission to talk to Buono, but then withdrew it when B.C. refused to give Calgary the players and cash the Stamps sought. By then, however, there was no way Buono could go back to his old job, so the Stamps finally cut the cord.

All this leaves new coach Jim Barker, the former coach of the Argonauts (1999) and offensive coordinator of the Alouettes last season, with the job of picking up the pieces and assembling a winning team that will cause fans to forget the Buono debacle.

Barker, whose trademark is a wide-open. pass-oriented offense, promises much of the same with the Stampeders.

"We're going to have an explosive offense; just the same as we did in Montreal." he says. "We're looking to be able to spread the ball around and get everybody on the field involved."

Barker's task of reviving the Stampeders will begin with getting quarterback Marcus Crandell back on track. After being named the MVP of the 2001 Grey Cup game, the East Carolina product struggled last year. He completed on 51.9 percent of his passes, second worst among league starters.

Owner Feterik's son, Kevin, from Brigham Young, will compete for the quarterback job, but Barker says he's been assured he'll have the final say on the roster.

Travis Moore, who led Calgary receivers with 70 catches for 1,108 yards, will again be Crandell's go-to target, with veteran Kelvin Anderson again the top rushing threat.

Barker also saw three others migrate to the NFL: linebacker Joe Cooper (St. Louis), defensive end James Cotton (Atlanta) and running back Antonio Warren (New York Giants).



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SCORING

RECORDS

Points: 513, Houston (1961); Miami (1984)

TEAM SCORING

RECORDS Points: 155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964) Field Goals: 39, Olindo Mare, Miami (1999) Extra Points: 70, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

KICKERS	TEAM	ХP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Janikowski, Sebastian	0ak	50	50	26	33	128
Elam, Jason	Den	42	43	26	36	120
Andersen, Morten	KC	51	51	22	26	117
Vinatieri, Adam	NE	36	36	27	30	117
Hollis, Mike	Buf	40	40	25	33	115
Mare, Olindo	Mia	42	43	24	31	114
Nedney, Joe	Ten	36	36	25	31	111
Hall, John	NYJ	35	37	24	31	107
Vanderjagt, Mike	Ind	34	34	23	31	103
Dawson, Phil	Cle	34	35	22	28	100
Stover, Matt	Bal	33	33	21	25	96
Christie, Steve	SD	35	36	18	26	89
Rackers, Neil	Cin	30	32	15	18	75
Brown, Kris	Hou	20	20	17	24	71
Peterson, Todd	Pit	25	26	12	21	61
Reed, Jeff	Pit	10	11	17	19	61
Seder, Tim	Jax	11	11	8	12	35
Epstein, Hayden	Jax	13	13	5	9	28
Boyd, Danny	Jax	7	7	5	5	22

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Kansas City	57	26	27	4	54	54	1	3	23	27	0	467
Oakland	53	21	26	6	50	50	2	3	26	33	0	450
Denver	45	21	21	3	42	43	0	2	26	36	1	392
Pittsburgh	43	15	26	2	35	37	5	6	29	40	0	390
New England	43	9	28	6	36	36	3	7	27	30	0	381
Buffalo	44	17	24	3	40	40	0	2	25	33	0	379
Miami	44	24	18	2	42	43	0	1	24	31	0	378
Tennessee	42	16	22	4	36	36	2	6	25	31	0	367
N.Y. Jets	41	12	25	4	35	37	3	3	24	31	0	359
Indianapolis	40	12	27	1	34	34	3	6	23	31	0	349
Cleveland	40	10	27	3	34	35	2	5	22	28	0	344
San Diego	40	19	17	4	35	36	1	3	18	26	1	333
Jacksonville	38	19	18	1	33	33	3	5	19	27	2	328
Baltimore	36	9	20	7	33	33	2	3	21	26	0	316
Cincinnati	34	13	17	4	30	32	0	2	15	18	0	279
Houston	22	6	11	5	20	20	2	2	17	24	3	213
AFC AVERAGE	41.4	15.6	22.1	3.7	36.8	37.4	1.8	3.7	22.8	29.5	0.4	357.8

RECORDS

Completions: 404, Warren Moon, Houston (1991) Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Miami (1984) Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)

Longest TD: 99 yards, Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, L.A. Raiders (1983); Stan Humphries to Tony Martin, San Diego (1994)

106+ ATTEMPTS	TEAM	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	T0%	LONG	INT	INT%	SACKS	LOSS	RATING
Pennington, Chad	NYJ	399	275	68.9	3120	7.82	22	5.5	47	6	1.5	22	135	104.2
Gannon, Rich	0ak	618	418	67.6	4689	7.59	26	4.2	75	10	1.6	36	214	97.3
Green, Trent	KC	470	287	61.1	3690	7.85	26	5.5	99t	13	2.8	26	141	92.6
Manning, Peyton	Ind	591	392	66.3	4200	7.11	27	4.6	69	19	3.2	23	145	88.8
Bledsoe, Drew	Buff	610	375	61.5	4359	7.15	24	3.9	73t	15	2.5	54	369	86.0
Brady, Tom	NE	601	373	62.1	3764	6.26	28	4.7	49t	14	2.3	31	190	85.7
Brunell, Mark	Jax	416	245	58.9	2788	6.70	17	4.1	79t	7	1.7	34	210	85.7
Griese, Brian	Den	436	291	66.7	3214	7.37	15	3.4	82t	15	3.4	34	237	85.6
Fiedler, Jay	Mia	292	179	61.3	2024	6.93	14	4.8	59t	9	3.1	13	89	85.2
Maddox, Tommy	Pitt	377	234	62.1	2836	7.52	20	5.3	72t	16	4.2	26	148	85.2
McNair, Steve	Ten	492	301	61.2	3387	6.88	22	4.5	55	15	3	21	121	84.0
Kitna, Jon	Cin	473	294	62.2	3178	6.72	16	3.4	72t	16	3.4	24	159	79.1
Blake, Jeff	Bal	295	165	55.9	2084	7.06	13	4.4	77t	11	3.7	30	203	77.3
Brees, Drew	SD	526	320	60.8	3284	6.24	17	3.2	52t	16	3	24	180	76.9
Couch, Tim	Cle	443	273	61.6	2842	6.42	18	4.1	78t	18	4.1	30	213	76.8
Carr, David	Hou	444	233	52.5	2592	5.84	9	2.0	81	15	3.4	76	411	62.8
Holcomb, Kelly	Cle	106	64	60.4	790	7.45	8	7.5	44t	4	3.8	5	40	92.9
Stewart, Kordell	Pit	166	109	65.7	1155	6.96	6	3.6	64t	6	3.6	7	46	82.8
Beuerlein, Steve	Den	117	68	58.1	925	7.91	6	5.1	52	5	4.3	12	78	82.7
Redman, Chris	Bal	182	97	53.3	1034	5.68	7	3.8	36	3	1.6	11	68	76.1
Lucas, Ray	Mia	160	92	57.5	1045	6.53	4	2.5	77	6	3.8	12	90	69.9

RECORDS

Number: 108, Rick Tuten, Seattle

Average: 46.9 yards, Greg Montgomery, Houston (1992) Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, N.Y. Jets (1969)

(Ranked By Net Average)

53+ PUNTS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YOS	IN 20	NET AVG
Hanson, Chris	Jax	81	3583	64	44.2	10	0	39	339	27	37.6
Stanley, Chad	Hou	114	4720	62	41.4	6	2	58	328	36	36.8
Moorman, Brian	Buf	66	2844	84	43.1	7	1	29	294	18	36.0
Gardocki, Chris	Cle	81	3388	59	41.8	6	0	42	408	27	35.3
Turk, Matt	NYJ	63	2584	65	41.0	9	0	33	203	13	34.9
Smith, Hunter	Ind	66	2672	69	40.5	9	1	27	156	26	34.9
Royals, Mark	Mia	69	2772	56	40.2	6	0	39	273	15	34.5
Bennett, Darren	SD	87	3540	63	40.7	6	2	36	369	31	34.3
Hentrich, Craig	Ten	65	2725	56	41.9	5	1	28	390	28	33.9
Zastudil, Dave	Bal	81	3368	61	41.6	5	2	40	471	31	33.7
Rouen, Tom	Den-NYG-Pit	44	1888	63	42.9	7	2	25	230	8	33.0
Lechler, Shane	Oak	53	2251	70	42.5	12	0	18	276	18	32.7
Miller, Josh	Pit	55	2267	62	41.2	5	1	28	346	14	32.5
Harris, Nick	Cin	65	2608	57	40.1	4	1	37	454	11	31.4

PASSING

RECORDS

Touchdowns: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975); Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TOR	TOP	TOM	2PT	PTS
Holmes, Priest	KC	24	21	3	0	0	144
Portis, Clinton	Den	17	15	2	0	0	102
Williams, Ricky	Mia	17	16	1	0	0	102
Tomlinson, LaDainian	SD	15	14	1	0	0	90
George, Eddie	Ten	14	12	2	0	1	86
Henry, Travis	Buf	14	13	1	0	0	84
Ward, Hines	Pit	12	0	12	0	3	78
Harrison, Marvin	Ind	11	0	11	0	1	68
Garner, Charlie	Oak	11	7	4	0	0	66
Moulds, Eric	Buf	10	0	10	0	0	60
Porter, Jerry	Oak	9	0	9	0	2	58
Bettis, Jerome	Pit	9	9	0	0	0	54
Chrebet, Wayne	NYJ	9	0	9	0	0	54
Mack, Stacey	Jax	9	9	0	0	0	54
Price, Peerless	Buf	9	0	9	0	0	54
Taylor, Fred	Jax	8	8	0	0	2	52
Northcutt, Dennis	Cle	8	1	5	2	1	50
Smith, Antowain	NE	8	6	2	0	1	50
Boerigter, Marc	KC	8	0	8	0	0	48
Crockett, Zack	Oak	8	8	0	0	0	48
Mungro, James	Ind	8	8	0	0	0	48
Burress, Plaxico	Pit	7	0	7	0	1	44
Fauria, Christian	NE	7	0	7	0	1	44
Martin, Curtis	NYJ	7	7	0	0	1	44
Morgan, Quincy	Cle	7	0	7	0	1	44
Smith, Jimmy	Jax	7	0	7	0	1	44
Conway, Curtis	SD	7	2	5	0	0	42
Davis, Andre'	Cle	7	0	6	1	0	42
Dillon, Corey	Cin	7	7	0	0	0	42
Faulk, Kevin	NE	7	2	3	2	0	42
Gonzalez, Tony	KC	7	0	7	0	0	42
Lewis, Jamal	Bal	7	6	1	0	0	42
Rice, Jerry	Oak	7	0	7	0	0	42
Heap, Todd	Bal	6	0	6	0	1	38
Pollard, Marcus	Ind	6	0	6	0	1	38
Bradford, Corey	Hou	6	0	6	0	0	36
Green, William	Cle	6	6	0	0	0	36
Hall, Dante	KC	6	0	3	3	0	36
Moss, Santana	NYJ	6	0	4	2	0	36
Taylor, Travis	Bal	6	0	6	0	0	36
Warrick, Peter	Cin	6	0	6	0	0	36
Becht, Anthony	NYJ	5	0	5	0	1	32



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Atlanta

Green Bay

Minnesota

Tampa Bay

N.Y. Giants

Washington

St. Louis

Detroit

Chicago

Arizona

Carolina

Dallas

Seattle

San Francisco

New Orleans

Philadelphia

Points: 556, Minnesota (1998)

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RECORDS

SCORING

Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960) Field Goals: 37, John Kasay, Carolina (1996) Extra Points: 64, Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis (1999)

KICKERS	TEAM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Feely, Jay	Atl	42	43	32	40	138
Akers, David	Phi	43	43	30	34	133
Carney, John	NO	37	37	31	35	130
Gramatica, Martín	TB	32	32	32	39	128
Longwell, Ryan	GB	44	44	28	34	128
Bryant, Matt	NYG	30	32	26	32	108
Lindell, Rian	Sea	38	38	23	29	107
Cortez, José	SF-Was	34	34	23	32	103
Hanson, Jason	Det	31	31	23	28	100
Edinger, Paul	Chi	29	29	22	28	95
Wilkins, Jeff	StL	37	37	19	25	94
Anderson, Gary	Min	36	37	18	23	90
Gramatica, Bill	Ari	29	29	15	21	74
Cundiff, Billy	Dal	25	25	12	19	61
Graham, Shayne	Car	21	21	13	18	60
Tuthill, James	Was	20	21	10	16	50
Chandler, Jeff	SF	14	14	8	12	38
Brien, Doug	Min	5	7	5	6	20
Kasay, John	Car	5	5	2	5	11

RECORDS

NFC AVERAGE

Completions: 377, Warren Moon, Minnesota (1995) Touchdowns: 41, Kurt Warner, St. Louis (1999) Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)

Longest TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939); George Izzo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963); Karl Weetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966); Sonny Jurgensen to Jerry Allen, Washington (1968); Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985); Brett Favre to Robert Brooks, Green Bay (1995)

220 + ATTEMPTS	TEAM	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	TD%	LONG	INT	INT%	SACKS	LOSS	RATING
Johnson, Brad	TB	451	281	62.3	3049	6.76	22	4.9	76t	6	1.3	21	121	92.9
Hasselbeck, Matt	Sea	419	267	63.7	3075	7.34	15	3.6	49	10	2.4	26	143	87.8
McNabb, Donovan	Phi	361	211	58.4	2289	6.34	17	4.7	59t	6	1.7	28	166	86.0
Garcia, Jeff	SF	528	328	62.1	3344	6.33	21	4	76t	10	1.9	17	93	85.6
Favre, Brett	GB	551	341	61.9	3658	6.64	27	4.9	85t	16	2.9	26	188	85.6
Collins, Kerry	NYG	545	335	61.5	4073	7.47	19	3.5	82t	14	2.6	24	152	85.4
Vick, Michael	Atl	421	231	54.9	2936	6.97	16	3.8	74t	8	1.9	33	206	81.6
Brooks, Aaron	NO	528	283	53.6	3572	6.77	27	5.1	64	15	2.8	36	236	80.1
Miller, Jim	Chi	314	180	57.3	1944	6.19	13	4.1	54	9	2.9	16	101	77.5
Peete, Rodney	Car	381	223	58.5	2630	6.90	15	3.9	69	14	3.7	31	192	77.4
Culpepper, Daunte	Min	549	333	60.7	3853	7.02	18	3.3	61	23	4.2	47	244	75.3
Matthews, Shane	Was	237	124	52.3	1251	5.28	11	4.6	43t	6	2.5	9	54	72.6
Carter, Quincy	Dal	221	125	56.6	1465	6.63	7	3.2	80t	8	3.6	19	130	72.3
Ramsey, Patrick	Was	227	117	51.5	1539	6.78	9	4	62t	8	3.5	18	132	71.8
Warner, Kurt	StL	220	144	65.5	1431	6.50	3	1.4	43	11	5	21	130	67.4
Hutchinson, Chad	Dal	250	127	50.8	1555	6.22	7	2.8	58	8	3.2	34	265	66.3
Plummer, Jake	Ari	530	284	53.6	2972	5.61	18	3.4	80t	20	3.8	36	248	65.7
Harrington, Joey	Det	429	215	50.1	2294	5.35	12	2.8	64t	16	3.7	8	75	59.9

RECORDS Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940) Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

(Ranked By Net Average)

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+ PUNTS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
hr, Chris	Atl	67	2804	59	41.9	5	0	23	109	21	38.7
t, John	Det	91	3838	57	42.2	7	0	53	239	29	38.0
ierbrun, Todd	Car	104	4735	67	45.5	12	1	63	554	31	37.5
ynard, Brad	Chi	87	3679	75	42.3	2	0	46	386	26	37.4
gles, Jeff	Sea	61	2542	58	41.7	4	0	17	202	22	37.0
win, Toby	NO	61	2553	59	41.9	6	0	33	180	15	36.9
well, Josh	GB	79	3296	57	41.7	6	0	41	357	26	35.7
a, Tom	TB	90	3856	71	42.8	12	0	42	433	30	35.4
hardson, Kyle	Min	62	2474	59	39.9	6	1	21	131	21	35.3
yer, Scott	Ari	88	3864	58	43.9	10	1	42	547	28	35.0
ideta, Sean	Phi	52	2229	63	42.9	7	0	20	288	19	34.6
ger, Mitch	StL	72	3020	64	41.9	10	0	34	463	26	32.7
povic, Flip	Dal	65	2640	60	40.6	6	1	32	438	14	31.5
er, Jason	SF-Phi	55	2133	51	38.8	4	0	31	319	14	31.5
ker, Bryan	Was	48	1924	63	40.1	5	0	27	386	13	30.0
ker, Bryan	Was	48	1924	63	40.1	5	0	27	386	13	

RECORDS

Touchdowns: 26, Marshall Faulk, St. Louis (2000)

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TOR	TOP	TOM		PTS
Alexander, Shaun	Sea	18	16	2	0	0	108
McAllister, Deuce	NO	16	13	3	0	0	96
Owens, Terrell	SF	14	1	13	0	0	84
Barber, Tiki	NYG	11	11	0	0	0	66
Williams, Moe	Min	11	11	0	0	0	66
Culpepper, Daunte	Min	10	10	0	0	1	62
Faulk, Marshall	StL	10	8	2	0	0	60
Hearst, Garrison	SF	9	8	1	0	1	56
Driver, Donald	GB	9	0	9	0	0	54
Dunn, Warrick	Atl	9	7	2	0	0	54
Green, Ahman	GB	9	7	2	0	0	54
Shipp, Marcel	Ari	9	6	3	0	0	54
Staley, Duce	Phi	8	5	3	0	1	50
Davis, Stephen	Was	8	7	1	0	0	48
Gardner, Rod	Was	8	0	8	0	0	48
Stallworth, Donte'	NO	8	0	8	0	0	48
Thrash, James	Phi	8	2	6	0	0	48
Toomer, Amani	NYG	8	0	8	0	0	48
Vick, Michael	Atl	8	8	0	0	0	48
Horn, Joe	NO	7	0	7	0	1	44
Alstott, Mike	TB	7	5	2	0	0	42
Bruce, Isaac	StL	7	0	7	0	0	42
Franks, Bubba	GB	7	0	7	0	0	42
Moss, Randy	Min	7	0	7	0	0	42
Pinkston, Todd	Phi	7	0	7	0	0	42
Smith, Lamar	Car	7	7	0	0	0	42
Bennett, Michael	Min	6	5	1	0	0	36
Booker, Marty	Chi	6	0	6	0	0	36
Bryant, Antonio	Dal	6	0	6	0	0	36
Finneran, Brian	Atl	6	0	6	0	0	36
Galloway, Joey	Dal	6	0	6	0	0	36
McCardell, Keenan	TB	6	0	6	0	0	36
McNabb, Donovan	Phi	6	6	0	0	0	36
Stewart, James	Det	6	4	2	0	0	36
Thomas, Anthony	Chi	6	6	0	0	0	36
Johnson, Keyshawn	TB	5	0	5	0	2	34
Schroeder, Bill	Det	5	0	5	0	1	32
Barlow, Kevan	SF	5	4	1	0	0	30
Brown, Dee	Car	5	4	1	0	0	30
Crumpler, Alge	Atl	5	0	5	0	0	30
Robinson, Koren	Sea	5	0	5	0	0	30
Smith, Emmitt	Dal	5	5	0	0	0	30

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Johnson		Cin	5	0	5	0	0	30
Mason, Patten,		Ten NE	5	0	5	0	0	30 30
Smith, F		Den	5	0	5	0	0	30
Anderso	on, Mike	Den	4	2	2	0	0	24
Brady, K		Jax	4	0	4	0	0	24
Dyson, I		Ten Cle	4	0	4	0	0	24
Johnson Kitna, Jo		Cin	4	4	0	0	0	24
Lockett,		Was-Jax	4	0	4	0	0	24
	ael, Randy	Mia	4	0	4	0	0	24
Simon,		Ten	4	1	3	0	0	24
Wayne, Zereoue		Ind Pit	4	0	4	0	0	24
Brown,		NE.	3	0	3	0	1	20
	II, Reche	SD	3	0	3	0	1	20
	Edgerrin	Ind	3	2	1	0	1	20
McNair,		Ten	3	3	0	0	1	20
Carr, Da	ell, Mark vid	Cle	3	0	3	0	0	18 18
	ers, Chris	Mia	3	0	3	0	0	18
Dwight	,Tim	SD	3	1	2	0	0	18
Fiedler,	2010/07	Mia	3	3	0	0	0	18
Gannon		Oak Ind	3	3	0	0	0	18
Ismail, (LaMont	NYJ	3	3	0	0	0	18
Kirby, Te		Oak	3	0	1	2	0	18
Konrad,		Mia	3	0	3	0	0	18
McCran		SD	3	0	3	0	0	18
Miller, E	El, Antwaan	Hou Pit	3	0	3 2	0	0	18 18
Ricard,	The second second	Bal	3	2	0	1	0	18
	lson, Tony	KC	3	2	1	0	0	18
Sharpe,	Shannon	Den	3	0	3	0	0	18
Weaver		Mia	3	0	3	0	0	18
Wells, J White,	onathan Iamel	Hou	3	3	0	0	0	18
Taylor, (Bal	2	0	2	0	1	14
Bennet		Ten	2	0	2	0	0	12
Bledsoe		Buf	2	2	0	0	0	12
Branch,		NE	2	0	2	0	0	12
Brown, Bruschi		Oak NE	2 2	0	2	0	0	12
	on, Phillip	Oak	2	0	0	2	0	12
Centers	, Larry	Buf	2	2	0	0	0	12
Cloud, I		KC	2	2	0	0	0	12
	ins, Reuben	Den SD	2	1 0	1 0	0	0	12
	ls, Donnie ls, Robert	Mia	2	1	1	0	0	12
Garrard		Jax	2	2	0	0	0	12
Glenn,	Aaron	Hou	2	0	0	2	0	12
Hape, P		Den	2	0	2	0	0	12
Hayes,		NE Jax	2	0	2 2	0	0	12
Johnso	n, Patrick n. Ron	Bal	2	0	1	1	0	12
Jolley, I	Doug	Oak	2	0	2	0	0	12
Kennis	on, Eddie	KC	2	0	2	0	0	12
Lelie, A		Den	2	0	2	0	0	12
Lucas, F	Ray , Nicolas	Mia	2 2	2 2	0	0	0	12
	ng, Peyton	Ind	2	2	0	0	0	12
	,Terance	Pit	2	0	2	0	0	12
McCaff		Den	2	0	2	0	0	12
	eins, Justin	Ten Mia	2 2	0	2 2	0	0	12
Minor,	ght, James Travis	Mia	2	2	0	0	0	12
Mitche		Jax	2	0	2	0	0	12
Moore,	Dave	Buf	2	0	2	0	0	12
Morton		NYJ	2	0	0	2	0	12
O'Neal, Pennin	Deltha gton, Chad	Den NYJ	2 2	0 2	0	2	0	12
Reed, J		Buf	2	0	2	0	0	12
Schobe	l, Matt	Cin	2	0	2	0	0	12
Shaw, E	Bobby	Jax	2	0	1	1	0	12
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	ley, Tyrone	0ak	2	2	0	0	0	12

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Wycheck, Frank	Ten	2	0	2	0	0	12
Gaffney, Jabar	Hou	1	0	1	0	1	8
Green, Trent	KC	1	1	0	0	1	8
Kreider, Dan	Pit	1	0	1	0	1	8
Alexander, Stephen	SD	1	0	1	0	0	6
Anderson, Richie	NYJ	1	0	1	0	0	6
Baber, Billy	KC	1	0	1	0	0	6
Baxter, Jarrod	Hou	1	0	1	0	0	6
Bennett, Brandon	Cin Den	1	0	0	0	0	6
Beuerlein, Steve Black, Avion	Hou	1	0	0	1	0	6
Blake, Jeff	Bal	1	1	0	0	0	6
Brady, Tom	NE	1	1	0	0	0	6
Brees, Drew	SD	1	1	0	0	0	6
Brightful, Lamont	Bal	1	0	0	1	0	6
Bruener, Mark	Pit	1	0	1	0	0	6
Bulluck, Keith	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
Carswell, Dwayne	Den	1	0	1	0	0	6
Carter, Cris	Mia	1	0	1	0	0	6
Cleeland, Cameron	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Clements, Nate	Buf	1	0	0	1	0	6
Clemons, Duane	KC	1	0	0	1	0	6
Coady, Rich	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
Dyson, Andre	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
Easy, Omar	KC	1	0	1	0	0	6
Edwards, Ron	Buf	1	0	0	1	0	6
Fletcher, Terrell	SD	1	1	0	0	0	6
Gamble, Trent	Mia	1	0	0	1	0	6
Gary, Olandis	Den	1	1	0	0	0	6
Givens, David	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Graham, Daniel	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Green, Mike	Ten	1	0	1	0	0	6
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Griese, Brian	Den	1	1	0	0	0	6
Hawkins, Artrell	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Heiden, Steve	Cle	1	0	1	0	0	6
Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Johnson, Raylee	SD	1	0	0	1	0	6
Jones, John	Bal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Jones, Tebucky	NE	1	0	0	1	0	6
Jones, Terry	Bal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Jordan, Randy	Oak Bal	1	1	0	0	0	6
McAlister, Chris	Den	1	0	0	1	0	6
McGlockton, Chester	SD	1	0	0	1	0	6
McNeil, Ryan	Ten	1	0	1	0	0	6
Meier, Shad Montgomery, Scottie	Den	1	0	1	0	0	6
Morton, Johnnie	KC	1	0	1	0	0	6
Neal, Lorenzo	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Norman, Josh	SD	1	0	1	0	0	6
Parker, Eric	SD	1	0	1	0	0	6
Reed, Ed	Bal	1	0	0	1	0	6
Ritchie, Jon	Oak	1	0	1	0	0	6
Roberg, Mike	Ind	1	0	1	0	0	6
Rogers, Charlie	Buf	1	0	0	1	0	6
Sanders, Darnell	Cle	1	0	1	0	0	6
Scott, Chad	Pit	1	0	0	1	0	6
Simmons, Brian	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Sirmon, Peter	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
Sowell, Jerald	NYJ	1	0	1	0	0	6
Spikes, Takeo	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Surtain, Patrick	Mia	1	0	0	1	0	6
Thomas, Adalius	Bal	1	0	0	1	0	6
Tuman, Jerame	Pit	1	0	1	0	0	6
Vrabel, Mike	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Washington, Marcus	Ind	1	0	0	1	0	6
Williams, Chad	Bal	1	0	0	1	0	6
Williams, Kevin L.	Hou	1	0	0	1	0	6

Wright, Kenny RECORDS

Williams, Ricky

Carries: 403, Eddie George, Tennessee (2000) Yards: 2,008, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998) Touchdowns: 21, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)

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77 + YARDS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Williams, Ricky	Mia	383	1853	4.8	63t	16
Tomlinson, LaDainian	SD	372	1683	4.5	76	14
Holmes, Priest	KC	313	1615	5.2	56	21
Portis, Clinton	Den	273	1508	5.5	59	15
Henry, Travis	Buf	325	1438	4.4	34	13

Lewis, Jamal	Bal	308	1327	4.3	75	6
Taylor, Fred	Jax	287	1314	4.6	63t	8
Dillon, Corey	Cin	314	1311	4.2	67t	7
George, Eddie	Ten	343	1165	3.4	35	12
Martin, Curtis	NYJ	261	1094	4.2	35	7
James, Edgerrin	Ind	277	989	3.6	20	2
Smith, Antowain	NE	252	982	3.9	42t	6
Garner, Charlie	0ak	182	962	5.3	36t	7
Green, William	Cle	243	887	3.7	64t	6
Zereoue, Amos	Pit	193	762	3.9	42	4
Bettis, Jerome	Pit	187	666	3.6	41t	9
Wells, Jonathan	Hou	197	529	2.7	37	3
Allen, James	Hou	155	519	3.3	32	0
White, Jamel	Cle	106	470	4.4	54	3
McNair, Steve	Ten	82	440	5.4	26	3
Mack, Stacey	Jax	98	436	4.4	23	9
Wheatley, Tyrone	0ak	108	419	3.9	36	2
Anderson, Mike	Den	84	386	4.6	32	2
Mungro, James	Ind	97	336	3.5	49	8
Jordan, LaMont	NYJ	84	316	3.8	61t	3
Carr, David	Hou	59	282	4.8	20	3
Faulk, Kevin	NE	52	271	5.2	45t	2
Holcombe, Robert	Ten	47	242	5.1	39	0
Green, Trent	KC	31	225	7.3	24	1
Brunell, Mark	Jax	43	207	4.8	27	0
Stewart, Kordell	Pit	43	191	4.4	28t	2
Minor, Travis	Mia	44	180	4.1	23	2
Gannon, Rich,	0ak	50	156	3.1	24	3
Bennett, Brandon	Cin	33	155	4.7	29	0
Manning, Peyton	Ind	38	148	3.9	13	2
Gary, Olandis	Den	37	147	4.0	26	1
Ward, Hines	Pit	12	142	11.8	39	0
Garrard, David	Jax	25	139	5.6	41t	2
Randle El, Antwaan	Pit	19	134	7.1	24	0
Brees, Drew	SD	38	130	3.4	15	1
Fletcher, Terrell	SD	26	128	4.9	15	1
Lucas, Ray	Mia	36	126	3.5	17	2
Morton, Johnnie	KC	10	124	12.4	36	0
Taylor, Chester	Bal	33	122	3.7	17	0
Crockett, Zack	Oak	40	118	3.0	33	8
Cloud, Mike	KC	49	115	2.3	9	2
Fuamatu-Ma'afala, Chris	Pit	23	115	5.0	17	0
Brady, Tom	NE	42	110	2.6	15	1
Dwight, Tim	SD	12	108	9.0	20	1
Edwards, Robert	Mia	20	107	5.4	19	1
Griese, Brian	Den	37	107	2.9	13	1
Blake, Jeff	Bal	39	106	2.7	17	1
Taylor, Travis	Bal	11	105	9.5	39	0
Northcutt, Dennis	Cle	8	104	13.0	36t	1
Fiedler, Jay	Mia	28	99	3.5	12	3
Edwards, Marc	NE	31	96	3.1	17	0
Richardson, Tony	KC	22	81	3.7	14t	2
Chambers, Chris	Mia	6	78	13.0	45	0
	Cle	23	77	3.3	14	0
Couch, Tim	cie	23	11	5.5	14	U

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Receptions: 116, Jimmy Smith, Jacksonville (1999) Yards: 1,746, Charley Hennigan, Houston (1961) Touchdowns: 18, Mark Clayton, Miami (1984)

17 + CATCHES	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TO
Harrison, Marvin	Ind	143	1722	12.0	69	11
Ward, Hines	Pit	112	1329	11.9	72t	12
Moulds, Eric	Buf	100	1292	12.9	70t	10
Brown, Troy	NE	97	890	9.2	38	3
Price, Peerless	Buf	94	1252	13.3	73t	9
Rice, Jerry	Oak	92	1211	13.2	75	7
Garner, Charlie	Oak	91	941	10.3	69t	4
Coles, Laveranues	NYJ	89	1264	14.2	43	5
Smith, Rod	Den	89	1027	11.5	46	5
Brown, Tim	Oak	81	930	11.5	45	2
Smith, Jimmy	Jax	80	1027	12.8	47	7
Mason, Derrick	Ten	79	1012	12.8	40	5
Tomlinson, LaDainian	SD	79	489	6.2	30	1
Burress, Plaxico	Pit	78	1325	17.0	62t	7
Holmes, Priest	KC	70	672	9.6	64t	3
Johnson, Chad	Cin	69	1166	16.9	72t	5
McCaffrey, Ed	Den	69	903	13.1	69t	2
Heap, Todd	Bal	68	836	12.3	43	6
Johnson, Kevin	Cle	67	703	10.5	30t	4
Gonzalez, Tony	KC	63	773	12.3	42t	7
White, Jamel	Cle	63	452	7.2	33	0

Smith, Steve Streets, Tai	Car SF	5	0	3 5	2	0	3
Bates, D'Wayne	Min	4	0	4	0	0	- 2
Brooks, Derrick	TB	4	0	0	4	0	2
Duckett, T.J.	Atl	4	4	0	0	0	2
Freeman, Antonio	Phi	4	0	4	0	0	2
Hakim, Az-Zahir	Det	4	0	3	1	0	2
Henderson, William	GB	4	1	3	0	0	2
Holt, Torry	StL	4	0	4	0	0	2
Jackson, Darrell	Sea	4	0	4	0	0	2
Jurevicius, Joe	TB	4	0	4	0	0	2
Pathon, Jerome	NO	4	0	4	0	0	2
Proehl, Ricky	StL	4	0	4	0	0	2
Thompson, Derrius	Was	4	0	4	0	0	2
Walls, Wesley	Car	4	0	4	0	0	2
White, Dez	Chi	4	0	4	0	0	2
Lewis, Chad	Phi	3	0	3	0	2	2
Garcia, Jeff	SF	3	3	0	0	1	2
Campbell, Kelly	Min	3	0	3	0	0	1
Christian, Bob	Atl	3	3	0	0	0	1
Conwell, Ernie	StL	3	1	2	0	0	1
Davis, John	Chi	3	0	3	0	0	1
Dayne, Ron	NYG	3	3	0	0	0	1
Dudley, Rickey	TB	3	0	3	0	0	1
Ferguson, Robert	GB	3	0	3	0	0	1
Gaylor, Trevor Gordon, Lamar	Atl StL	3	0	3	0	0	1
Kasper Kovin	Ari	3	1	2	0	0	1
Kasper, Kevin	NO NO	3	0	0	3	0	1
Lewis, Michael Makovicka, Joel	Ari	3	0	3	0	0	1
McMahon, Mike	Det	3	3	0	0	0	1
Muhammad, Muhsin	Car	3	0	3	0	0	1
Reed, Jake	NO	3	0	3	0	0	1
Ricks, Mikhael	Det	3	0	3	0	0	1
Robinson, Marcus	Chi	3	0	3	0	0	1
Stackhouse, Charles	NYG	3	0	3	0	0	1
Stevens, Jerramy	Sea	3	0	3	0	0	1
Terrell, David	Chi	3	0	3	0	0	1
Brooks, Aaron	NO	2	2	0	0	2	1
Doering, Chris	Was	2	0	2	0	1	1
Sanders, Frank	Ari	2	0	2	0	1	1
Williams, Boo	NO	2	0	2	0	1	1
Anderson, Marques	GB	2	0	0	2	0	1
Bly, Dre'	StL	2	0	0	2	0	1
Cason, Aveion	Det	2	0	2	0	0	1
Dilger, Ken	TB	2	0	2	0	0	1
Dixon, Ron	NYG	2	0	2	0	0	1
Edwards, Troy	StL	2	0	2	0	0	1
Fisher, Tony	GB	2	2	0	0	0	1
Flemister, Zeron	Was	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Glenn, Terry	GB	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Hilliard, Ike	NYG	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Hoover, Brad	Car	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Jenkins, MarTay	Ari	2	0	1	1	0	1.
Jones, Thomas	Ari	2	2	0	0	0	1.
Levens, Dorsey	Phi	2	1	1	0	0	1.
Lucas, Justin	Ari	2	0	0	2	0	1.
Lyman, Dustin	Chi	2	0	2	0	0	1.
McCants, Darnerien	Was	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Mili, Itula	Sea	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Plummer, Jake	Ari	2	2	0	0	0	1.
Schlesinger, Cory	Det	2	2	0	0	0	1
Shockey, Jeremy	NYG	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Strong, Mack	Sea	2	0	2	0	0	1
Thomason, Jeff	Phi	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Warren, Lamont	Det	2	0	2	0	0	1.
Watson, Kenny	Was	2	1	1	0	0	1.
Williams, Karl	TB	2	0	1	1	0	1.
Williams, Roy	Dal	2	0	0	2	0	1.
Hasselbeck, Matt	Sea	1	1	0	0	1	1
Rivers, Marcellus	NYG	1	0	1	0	1	1
Alexander, Derrick	Min	1	0	1	0	0	-
Allen, James	NO	1	0	0	1	0	
Anderson, Scotty	Det	1	0	1	0	0	
Arrington, LaVar	Was	1	0	0	1	0	-
Barber, Shawn	Phi	1	0	0	1	0	-
Beasley, Fred	SF	1	0	1	0	0	-
Betts, Ladell	Was	1	1	0	0	0	-
Boston, David	Ari	1	0	1	0	0	1
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Wiggins, Jermaine

Wiley, Michael

Williams, Jimmy

Carries: 410, Jamal Anderson, Atlanta (1998) Yards: 2,105, Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams (1984) Touchdowns: 25, Emmitt Smith, Dallas (1995)

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TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
NO	325	1388	4.3	62	13
NYG	304	1387	4.6	70	11
Min	255	1296	5.1	85t	5
GB	286	1240	4.3	43	7
Sea	295	1175	4.0	58	16
Phi	269	1029	3.8	57	5
Det	231	1021	4.4	56	4
Dal	254	975	3.8	30t	5
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Hearst, Garrison	SF	215	972	4.5	40	8
Faulk, Marshall	StL	212	953	4.5	44	8
Dunn, Warrick	Atl	230	927	4.0	59t	7
Shipp, Marcel	Ari	188	834	4.4	56	6
Davis, Stephen	Was	207	820	4.0	33	7
Vick, Michael	Atl	113	777	6.9	46t	8
Smith, Lamar	Car	209	737	3.5	59	7
	Chi					
Thomas, Anthony	TB	214	721 718	3.4	34	6
Pittman, Michael	SF	145		3.5	21	1
Barlow, Kevan			675	4.7	35	
Culpepper, Daunte	Min	106	609	5.7	38	10
Alstott, Mike	TB	146	548	3.8	32	5
Watson, Kenny	Was	116	534	4.6	24	1
Jones, Thomas	Ari	138	511	3.7	58t	2
Duckett, T.J.	Atl	130	507	3.9	33	4
McNabb, Donovan	Phi	63	460	7.3	40t	6
Dayne, Ron	NYG	125	428	3.4	30t	3
Williams, Moe	Min	84	414	4.9	44	11
Levens, Dorsey	Phi	75	411	5.5	47t	1
Brown, Dee	Car	102	360	3.5	24	4
Garcia, Jeff	SF	73	353	4.8	21t	3
Johnson, Leon	Chi	103	329	3.2	23	1
Hambrick, Troy	Dal	79	317	4.0	18	1
Betts, Ladell	Was	65	307	4.7	27	1
Fisher, Tony	GB	70	283	4.0	28	2
Plummer, Jake	Ari	46	283	6.2	34t	2
Brooks, Aaron	NO	62	253	4.1	21	2
Gordon, Lamar	StL	65	228	3.5	29	1
Hasselbeck, Matt	Sea	40	202	5.1	21	1
Westbrook, Brian	Phi	46	193	4.2	18	0
Goings, Nick	Car	50	188	3.8	20	0
Davenport, Najeh	GB	39	184	4.7	43	1
Stecker, Aaron	TB	28	174	6.2	59	0
Wiley, Michael	Dal	22	168	7.6	46t	1
Morris, Maurice	Sea	32	153	4.8	24	0
Schlesinger, Cory	Det	49	139	2.8	17	2
Hoover, Brad	Car	31	129	4.2	11	0
Thrash, James	Phi	18	126	7.0	32	2
Christian, Bob	Atl	31	119	3.8	16	3
Cason, Aveion	Det	26	107	4.1	40	0
Burris, Henry	Chi	15	104	6.9	17	0
Peterson, Adrian	Chi	19	101	5.3	14	1
McMahon, Mike	Det	14	96	6.9	22	3
Fasani, Randy	Car	18	95	5.3	19	0
Strong, Mack	Sea	23	94	4.1	9	0
Carter, Quincy	Dal	27	91	3.4	16	0
Smith, Paul	SF	18	90	5.0	16	0
Chapman, Doug	Min	12	89	7.4	27	0
Owens, Terrell	SF	7	79	11.3	38t	1
Thompson, Derrius	Was	10	77	7.7	26	0
Wuerffel, Danny	Was	10	76	7.6	26	0
Beasley, Fred	SF	26	75	2.9	9	0
Hutchinson, Chad	Dal	18	74	4.1	18	0
Favre, Brett	GB	25	73	2.9	17	0
Johnson, Rob	TB	14	73	5.2	21	0
Driver, Donald	GB	8	70	8.8	17	0
Anderson, Damien	Ari	24	65	2.7	14	0
Fenderson, James	NO	13	65	5.0	17t	1
Cooper, Rafael	Det	12	57	4.8	18	0
Robinson, Koren	Sea	8	56	7.0	20	0
Wilkins, Terrence	StL	6	56			0
Makovicka, Joel	Ari	5	54	9.3	18	
Evans, Heath	Sea	17	53	10.8	22	0
Moss, Randy	Min	6	51		8	0
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Receptions: 123, Herman Moore, Detroit (1995) Yards: 1,848, Jerry Rice, San Francisco (1995) Touchdowns: 22, Jerry Rice, San Francisco (1987)

17 + CATCHES	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Moss, Randy	Min	106	1347	12.7	60	7
Owens, Terrell	SF	100	1300	13.0	76t	13
Booker, Marty	Chi	97	1189	12.3	54	6
Holt, Torry	StL	91	1302	14.3	58	4
Horn, Joe	NO	88	1312	14.9	63	7
Toomer, Amani	NYG	82	1343	16.4	82t	8
Faulk, Marshall	StL	80	537	6.7	40	2
Bruce, Isaac	StL	79	1075	13.6	34t	7
Robinson, Koren	Sea	78	1240	15.9	83	5
Johnson, Keyshawn	TB	76	1088	14.3	76t	5

AFC stats

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Taylor, Travi		Bal	61	869	14.2	64	6
Patten, Dav		NE	61	824	13.5	39	5
Sharpe, Sha		Den	61	686	11.2	82t	3
James, Edg		Ind	61	354	5.8	23 52t	1 5
Conway, Cu Morgan, Qu		SD Cle	57 56	852 964	14.9 17.2	78t	7
Kennison, E		KC	53	906	17.1	64	2
Warrick, Pe		Cin	53	606	11.4	37t	6
Chambers,		Mia	52	734	14.1	59t	3
Chrebet, W.		NYJ	51	691	13.5	37	9
Porter, Jerr	,	0ak	51	688	13.5	36	9
Miller, Billy		Hou	51	613	12.0	42	3
Dwight, Tin		SD	50	623	12.5	42	2
Wayne, Rec		Ind	49	716	14.6	49	4
Taylor, Fred		Jax NYJ	49	408 362	8.3 7.4	72 28	0
Martin, Cur Randle El,		Pit	49 47	489	10.4	36	2
Lewis, Jam		Bal	47	442	9.4	77t	1
Dugans, Ro		Cin	47	421	9.0	31	0
Williams, R		Mia	47	363	7.7	52	1
Allen, Jame	25	Hou	47	302	6.4	21	0
Bradford, C	orey	Hou	45	697	15.5	81	6
Alexander,		SD	45	510	11.3	32	1
Anderson,		NYJ	45	257	5.7	15	1
Shaw, Bobl	*	Jax Ind	44	525	11.9	48 42t	1 3
Ismail, Qad Branch, De		NE	43	462 489	11.4	42t 49t	2
Pollard, Ma		Ind	43	478	11.1	41t	6
Brady, Kyle		Jax	43	461	10.7	42t	4
Centers, La		Buf	43	388	9.0	25	0
Henry, Trav		Buf	43	309	7.2	26t	1
Dillon, Core	ey	Cin	43	298	6.9	19	0
Zereoue, A		Pit	42	341	8.1	54	0
	dzadeh, T.J.	Cin	41	492	12.0	31	1
Gaffney, Ja		Hou Ten	41 41	483 460	11.8	27 40	1
Dyson, Kev Wycheck, F		Ten	40	346	8.7	19	2
McMichael		Mia	39	485	12.4	45	4
Northcutt,		Cle	38	601	15.8	43t	5
Reed, Josh		Buf	37	509	13.8	42	2
Davis, And		Cle	37	420	11.4	31	6
Faulk, Kevi		NE	37	379	10.2	36t	3
George, Ed Lelie, Ashle		Ten Den	36 35	255 525	7.1 15.0	14t 48	2
Konrad, Ro		Mia	34	233	6.9	19	3
Bennett, I		Ten	33	478	14.5	53	2
Portis, Clin		Den	33	364	11.0	66t	2
Jolley, Dou	g	0ak	32	409	12.8	33	2
Riemersm		Buf	32	350	10.9	29	0
Smith, Ant	owain	NE	31	243	7.8	35	2
Moss, Sant		NYJ	30 29	433	14.4 18.2	47 77	4 2
McKnight, Morton, Jo		Mia	29	528 397	13.7	30	1
Becht, Ant		NYJ	28	243	8.7	21	5
Fauria, Chi		NE	27	253	9.4	33	7
Williams, I		0ak	27	213	7.9	19	0
Schobel, N	latt	Cin	27	212	7.9	20t	2
Mitchell, P		Jax	25	246	9.8	45	2
Campbell,		Cle	25	179	7.2	26	3
Stokley, Br		Bal Pit	24	357 218	14.9 9.5	35t 22	2
Mathis, Te Edwards, I		NE	23	196	8.5	27	0
Caldwell, I		SD	22	208	9.5	26	3
McCrary, F		SD	22	96	4.4	25	3
Dawson, J		Hou	21	286	13.6	28	0
Carswell, [wayne	Den	21	189	9.0	19	1
Neal, Lore		Cin	21	133	6.3	15	1
Boerigter,		KC	20	420	21.0	99t	8
Hall, Dante		KC Ten	20 19	322	16.1 15.8	75t 55	3 2
McCareins Ward, Ded		Mia	19	172	9.1	22	0
Walters, Tr		Ind	18	207	11.5	27	0
Anderson,	and the same of th	Den	18	167	9.3	52	2
Gary, Olan		Den	18	148	8.2	19	0
Edwards, I		Mia	18	126	7.0	14	1
Richardso		KC	18	125	6.9	23	1
Kreider, Da		Pit	18 18	122	6.8	15 15	1
Bennett, E Parker, Eri		SD	17	268	15.8	31t	1
Jordan, La		NYJ	17	160	9.4	27	Ó

RECORDS INTERCEPTION

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980) Return Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961) Longest TD Return: 103 yards, Vencie Glenn, San Diego (1987); Louis Oliver, Miami (1992) Touchdowns: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971); Jim Kearney,

1+ INTERCEPTIONS	TEAM	NO	YOS	AVG		Ш
Woodson, Rod Wesley, Greg	Oak KC	8	225 170	28.1	98t 50	2
McCree, Marlon	Jax	6	129	21.5	53	0
Clements, Nate	Buf	6	82	13.7	42	1
Surtain, Patrick	Mia	6	79	13.2	40t	1
Schulters, Lance	Ten	6	56	9.3	28	0
Glenn, Aaron	Hou	5	181	36.2	70t	2
Reed, Ed	Bal	5	167	33.4	59	0
Marion, Brock	Mia	5	99	19.8	62	0
Edwards, Donnie	SD	5	95	19.0	46	1
O'Neal, Deltha	Den	5	70	14.0	28t	2
Porter, Joey	Pit NE	4	153	38.3 12.5	84 39	0
Buckley, Terrell Abraham, Donnie	NYJ	4	49	12.3	23	0
Alexander, Brent	Pit	4	37	9.3	25	0
James, Tory	Oak	4	35	8.8	27	0
Law, Ty	NE	4	33	8.3	29	0
Warfield, Eric	KC	4	30	7.5	19	0
Little, Earl	Cle	4	17	4.3	7	0
Williams, Chad	Bal	3	98	32.7	98t	1
Peterson, Mike	Ind	3	96	32.0	53	0
Sirmon, Peter	Ten	3	88	29.3	32t	1
Mitchell, Anthony	Bal	3	62	20.7	32	0
Washington, Dewayne	Pit	3	51	17.0	28	0
Maslowski, Mike	KC	3	28	9.3	25 16t	0
Dyson, Andre	Ten Bal	3	27 26	9.0 8.7	11	0
Trapp, James Madison, Sam	Mia	3	15	5.0	15	0
Molden, Alex	SD	3	9	3.0	8	0
Townsend, Deshea	Pit	3	3	1.0	2	0
Craft, Jason	Jax	3	0	0.0	0	0
Griffith, Robert	Cle	3	0	0.0	0	0
Hawkins, Artrell	Cin	2	102	51.0	102t	1
Buchanon, Phillip	Oak	2	81	40.5	81t	1
Bruschi, Tedy	NE	2	75	37.5	48t	2
Garnes, Sam	NYJ	2	65	32.5	65	0
Thomas, Adalius	Bal	2	57	28.5	32	1
Darling, James	NYJ Pit	2 2	38 31	19.0	38 25	0
Flowers, Lethon Fletcher, Jamar	Mia	2	30	15.5 15.0	30	0
Scott, Chad	Pit	2	30	15.0	30t	1
Beasley, Aaron	NYJ	2	29	14.5	24	0
Patton, Marvcus	KC	2	29	14.5	25	0
Rodgers, Derrick	Mia	2	28	14.0	21	0
Lyle, Keith	SD	2	26	13.0	26	0
Smith, Otis	NE	2	21	10.5	22	0
Kaesviharn, Kevin	Cin	2	17	8.5	17	0
Robinson, Damien	NYJ	2	12	6.0	12	0
Harris, Bernardo	Bal	2	11	5.5	11	0
Brown, Eric	Hou	2	7	3.5	7	0
Barton, Eric	Oak Ind	2	5	2.5	3 4	0
Bashir, Idrees Henry, Anthony	Ind	2	4	2.0	4	0
Lewis, Ray	Bal	2	4	2.0	4	0
Harrison, Rodney	SD	2	2	1.0	2	0
Crockett, Ray	KC	2	0	0.0	0	0
Harris, Walt	Ind	2	0	0.0	0	0
Rolle, Samari	Ten	2	0	0.0	0	0
Shaw, Terrance	0ak	2	-2	-1.0	3	0
Green, Victor	NE	1	90	90.0	90t	1
Lang, Kenard	Cle	1	71	71.0	71	0
Simmons, Brian	Cin	1	51	51.0	51t	1
Logan, Mike	Pit	1	46	46.0	46	0
Belser, Jason	KC	1	45	45.0	45	0
Washington, Marcus	Ind SD	1	40 40	40.0	40t 40	0
Wiley, Marcellus Reagor, Montae	Den	1	31	40.0	31	0
Thomas, Kevin	Buf	1	31	31.0	31	0
Macklin, David	Ind	1	30	30.0	30	0
Bryant, Fernando	Jax	1	26	26.0	26	0
C	cn	4	25	25.0	25	0

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KICK RETURNS

Number: 62, Andre Coleman, San Diego (1995); Brock Marion, Miami (1999)

Yards: 1,524, Brock Marion, Miami (1999)

Longest TD: 106 yards, Noland Smith, Kansas City (1967) Touchdowns: 3, Raymond Clayborn, New England (1977)

14 + RETURNS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Faulk, Kevin	NE	26	725	27.9	87t	2
Morton, Chad	NYJ	58	1509	26.0	98t	2
Droughns, Reuben	Den	20	516	25.8	53	0
Bennett, Brandon	Cin	49	1231	25.1	94t	1
Montgomery, Scottie	Den	15	370	24.7	40	0
Knight, Marcus	Oak	29	705	24.3	65	0
Branch, Deion	NE	36	863	24.0	63	0
Hall, Danté	KC	57	1354	23.8	88t	1
Minor, Travis	Mia	46	1071	23.3	66	0
Jenkins, Ronney	SD	40	925	23.1	56	0
Vanover, Tamarick	SD	14	323	23.1	39	0
Randle El, Antwaan	Pit	32	733	22.9	99t	1
Kirby, Terry	Oak	19	425	22.4	96t	1
Black, Avion	Hou	24	529	22.0	49	0
Walters, Troy	Ind	53	1150	21.7	44	0
Davis, Andre'	Cle	50	1068	21.4	95t	1
Mays, Lee	Pit	32	671	21.0	35	0
Lewis, Jermaine	Hou	46	961	20.9	45	0
Tate, Robert	Bal	17	356	20.9	64	0
Joseph, Elvis	Jax	27	562	20.8	53	0
Brightful, Lamont	Bal	34	701	20.6	54	0
Rogers, Charlie	Buf	64	1280	20.0	90t	1
Simon, John	Ten	20	371	18.6	29	0

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PUNT RETURNS

Number: 62, Fulton Walker, Miami-L.A. Raiders (1985) Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Miami-L.A. Raiders (1985) Longest: 98 yards, Terance Mathis, N.Y. Jets (1990) Touchdowns: 4, Rick Upchurch, Denver (1976)

15 + RETURNS	TEAM	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TO
Moss, Santana	NYJ	25	8	413	16.5	63t	2
Brightful, Lamont	Bal	15	10	241	16.1	95t	1
Northcutt, Dennis	Cle	25	10	367	14.7	87t	2
Hall, Dante	KC	29	11	390	13.4	90t	2
Shaw, Bobby	Jax	25	17	310	12.4	69t	1
Dwight, Tim	SD	19	11	231	12.2	37	0
Ward, Dedric	Mia	16	11	169	10.6	34	0
O'Neal, Deltha	Den	30	7	251	8.4	53	0
Lewis, Jermaine	Hou	36	17	280	7.8	48	0
Walters, Troy	Ind	35	15	270	7.7	34	0
Brown, Troy	NE	24	10	175	7.3	27	0
McAlister, Chris	Bal	17	4	122	7.2	28	0
Randle El, Antwaan	Pit	37	11	257	6.9	29	0
Vanover, Tamarick	SD	16	4	86	5.4	16	0
Rogers, Charlie	Buf	26	11	137	5.3	16	0
Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	Cin	24	4	117	4.9	34	0

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Number: 22, Mark Gastineau, N.Y. Jets (1984)

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Taylor, Jason	Mia	18.5	Haggans, Clark	Pit	6.5
Freeney, Dwight	Ind	13.0	Henderson, John	Jax	6.5
Coleman, Roderick	Oak	11.0	Johnson, Raylee	SD	6.5
Abraham, John	NYJ	10.0	Smith, Justin	Cin	6.5
Carter, Kevin	Ten	10.0	Stroud, Marcus	Jax	6.5
Ogunleye, Adewale	Mia	9.5	Walker, Gary	Hou	6.5
Gildon, Jason	Pit	9.0	Barton, Eric	Oak	6.0
Hicks, Eric	KC	9.0	Bratzke, Chad	Ind	6.0
Porter, Joey	Pit	9.0	Evans, Josh	NYJ	6.0
Pryce, Trevor	Den	9.0	Wiley, Marcellus	SD	6.0
Schobel, Aaron	Buf	8.5	Williams, Jay	Mia	6.0
Hall, Carlos	Ten	8.0	Bailey, Rodney	Pit	5.5
Posey, Jeff	Hou	8.0	Lang, Kenard	Cle	5.5
Word, Mark	Cle	8.0	McGinest, Willie	NE	5.5
Boulware, Peter	Bal	7.0	Seymour, Richard	NE	5.5
Browning, John	KC	7.0	Sharper, Jamie	Hou	5.5
Scioli, Brad	Ind	7.0	Smith, Aaron	Pit	5.5
Berry, Bert	Den	6.5	Wong, Kailee	Hou	5.5
Gold, lan	Den	6.5	Ahanotu, Chidi	Buf	5.0

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Shockey, Jeremy Streets, Tai	NYG SF	74 72	894 756	12.1	30 47t	5	1
Gardner, Rod	Was	71	1006	14.2	43t	8	i
Driver, Donald	GB	70	1064	15.2	85t	9	I
Barber, Tiki	NYG	69	597	8.7	38	0	I
Muhammad, Muhsin	Car	63	823	13.1	42	3	I
Jackson, Darrell	Sea	62	877	14.1	48	4	(
Galloway, Joey McCardell, Keenan	Dal TB	61	908 670	14.9	80t 65t	6	1
Pinkston, Todd	Phi	60	798	13.3	42t	7	,
Pittman, Michael	TB	59	477	8.1	64	0	
Alexander, Shaun	Sea	59	460	7.8	80t	2	
Green, Ahman	GB	57	393	6.9	23t	2	
Finneran, Brian	Atl	56	838	15.0	47	6	
Glenn, Terry	GB	56	817	14.6	49	2	F
Smith, Steve Franks, Bubba	Car GB	54 54	872 442	16.1	69 20t	3	E
Thompson, Derrius	Was	53	773	14.6	47	4	1
Thrash, James	Phi	52	635	12.2	39t	6	
White, Dez	Chi	51	656	12.9	76t	4	-
Staley, Duce	Phi	51	541	10.6	45	3	Ī
Bates, D'Wayne	Min	50	689	13.8	59	4	5
Engram, Bobby	Sea	50	619	12.4	38	0	I
Dunn, Warrick	Atl	50	377	7.5	31t	2	[
Hearst, Garrison McAllister, Deuce	SF NO	48 47	317 352	6.6 7.5	16	1 3	1
Freeman, Antonio	Phi	46	600	13.0	59t	4	ì
Stewart, James	Det	46	333	7.2	52t	2	1
Bryant, Antonio	Dal	44	733	16.7	78t	6	1
Jones, Freddie	Ari	44	358	8.1	24	1	F
Pathon, Jerome	NO See	43	523	12.2	64	4	1
Mili, Itula Proobl. Ricky	Sea StL	43	508 466	11.8	49	2	-
Proehl, Ricky Stallworth, Donte'	NO NO	43	594	14.1	57t	8	H
Lewis, Chad	Phi	42	398	9.5	30	3	5
Shipp, Marcel	Ari	38	413	10.9	80t	3	V
Hakim, Az-Zahir	Det	37	541	14.6	64t	3	E
Jurevicius, Joe	TB	37	423	11.4	26	4	E
Kleinsasser, Jimmy	Min	37	393	10.6	39	1	5
Bennett, Michael	Min Det	37	351 595	9.5	45t 46	1 5	(
Schroeder, Bill Crumpler, Alge	Atl	36 36	455	12.6	33	5	(
Johnson, Eric	SF	36	321	8.9	38	0	i
Schlesinger, Cory	Det	35	263	7.5	43	0	(
Alstott, Mike	TB	35	242	6.9	44t	2	E
Conwell, Ernie	StL	34	419	12.3	52	2	E
Sanders, Frank	Ari	34	400	11.8	37	2	F
hamberlain, Byron	Min	34	389	11.4	61	0	V
Dilger, Ken Boston, David	TB Ari	34	329 512	9.7	40 34	2	Į.
otokes, J.J.	SF	32	332	10.4	51	1	N
Watson, Kenny	Was	32	253	7.9	62t	1	E
Gordon, Lamar	StL	30	278	9.3	25	2	(
efferson, Shawn	Atl	27	394	14.6	63	1	B
Hilliard, Ike	NYG	27	386	14.3	38	2	l
Ricks, Mikhael	Det	27	339	12.6	49	3	5
Williams, Moe Stevens, Jerramy	Min Sea	27 26	251 252	9.3 9.7	36 29	0	E
Henderson, William	GB	26	168	6.5	17	3	Ī
Saylor, Trevor	Atl	25	385	15.4	74t	3	E
McAddley, Jason	Ari	25	362	14.5	42	1	1
Anderson, Scotty	Det	25	322	12.9	34	1	٨
lackson, Willie	Atl-Was	25	257	10.3	29	1	L
Thomas, Anthony	Chi	24	163	6.8	19	0	5
Walker, Javon	GB	23	319	13.9	30	1	E
McGee, Tony Davis, Stephen	Dal Was	23	294 142	12.8	58 14t	1	
Dixon, Ron	NYG	22	377	17.1	33	2	1
Ferguson, Robert	GB	22	293	13.3	40t	3	E
Scott, Darnay	Dal	22	218	9.9	17t	1	E
Crowell, Germane	Det	22	201	9.1	22	1	5
Campbell, Dan	NYG	22	175	8.0	27	1	H
Beasley, Fred	SF	22	152	6.9	25t	1 2	5
Strong, Mack Reed, Jake	Sea NO	22	120 360	5.5 17.1	12 54	3	0
McCants, Darnerien	Was	21	256	12.2	32	2	li
Jenkins, MarTay	Ari	21	250	11.9	65t	1	E
Robinson, Marcus	Chi	21	244	11.6	45t	3	E
Hambrick, Troy	Dal	21	99	4.7	14	0	L
Davis, John	Chi	20	193	9.7	37	3	(
Smith, Lamar Jones, Thomas	Car Ari	20	167	8.4 5.7	58	0	1
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Whalen, James	Dal	17	152	8.9	33	0
Hoover, Brad	Car	17	187	11.0	33	2
Fisher, Tony	GB	18	70	3.9	11	0
Goings, Nick	Car	18	91	5.1	14	0
Edwards, Troy	StL	18	157	8.7	48	2
Doering, Chris	Was	18	192	10.7	33t	2
Bush, Steve	Ari	19	121	6.4	13	1
Levens, Dorsey	Phi	19	124	6.5	24	1
Pritchett, Stanley	Chi	19	165	8.7	24	1
Walls, Wesley	Car	19	241	12.7	27	4

RECORDS

Number: 14, Dick "Night Train" Lane, L.A. Rams (1952) Return Yards: 303, Deion Sanders, San Francisco (1994) Longest TD Return: 102 yards, Bob Smith, Detroit (1949);
Fric Barnes N Y Giants (1961)

2+ INTERCEPTIONS	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Kelly, Brian	TB	8	68	8.5	31	0
Sharper, Darren	GB	7	233	33.3	89t	1
Parrish, Tony	SF	7	204	29.1	60	0
Brooks, Derrick	TB	5	218	43.6	97t	3
Tongue, Reggie	Sea	5	118	23.6	46t	1
Williams, Roy Thomas, Fred	Dal NO	5	90 80	18.0	85t 43	0
Taylor, Bobby	Phi	5	43	8.6	23t	1
Knight, Sammy	NO	5	36	7.2	17	0
Ross, Derek	Dal	5	17	3.4	12	0
Minter, Mike	Car	4	125	31.3	62	1
Anderson, Marques	GB	4	114	28.5	78t	2
Carpenter, Keion	Atl	4	82	20.5	41t	1
Heard, Ronnie	SF	4	60	15.0	30	0
Smith, Dwight	TB	4	39	9.8	35	0
Wilson, Adrian	Ari	4	35	8.8	35	0
Biekert, Greg	Min	4	26	6.5	20	0
Bolden, Juran	Atl	4	25	6.3	22	0
Smoot, Fred	Was	4	12	3.0	12	0
Ohalete, Ifeanyi	Was	3	109	36.3	78t	1
Jackson, Dexter	TB Min	3	101	33.7	58	0
Chavous, Corey Lucas, Ken	Sea	3	76 67	25.3 22.3	43t 40	1 0
Claiborne, Chris	Det	3	63	21.0	43	1
Barrett, David	Ari	3	40	13.3	22	0
Bellamy, Jay	NO	3	39	13.0	16	0
Herring, Kim	StL	3	38	12.7	36	0
Wayne, Nate	GB	3	32	10.7	25	0
Bronson, Zack	SF	3	28	9.3	20	0
Ambrose, Ashley	Atl	3	25	8.3	24	0
Mathis, Kevin	Atl	3	21	7.0	13	0
Brown, Mike	Chi	3	16	5.3	16	0
Grant, Deon	Car	3	16	5.3	10	0
Bailey, Champ	Was	3	2	0.7	2	0
Lynch, John	TB	3	0	0.0	0	0
Springs, Shawn	Sea	3	0	0.0	0	0
Barber, Shawn	Phi	2	81	40.5	80t	1
Lucas, Justin	Ari	2	80	40.0	38t	2
Diggs, Na'il	GB	2	62	31.0	33	0
Brown, Sheldon	Phi	2	41	20.5	29	0
Terrell, David	Was Atl	2	41 36	20.5	22	0
McBurrows, Gerald Lyght, Todd	Det	2	31	18.0 15.5	19	0
Sehorn, Jason	NYG	2	31	15.5	31t	1
Edwards, Mario	Dal	2	29	14.5	29	0
Quarles, Shelton	TB	2	29	14.5	25t	1
Dawkins, Brian	Phi	2	27	13.5	27	0
Morgan, Dan	Car	2	26	13.0	22	0
Brewer, Jack	Min	2	24	12.0	23	0
Brooking, Keith	Atl	2	24	12.0	22	0
Smith, Darrin	NO	2	21	10.5	17	0
Howard, Reggie	Car	2	19	9.5	13	0
Simmons, Anthony	Sea	2	19	9.5	15	0
McDaniel, Emmanuel	Car	2	13	6.5	13	0
Draft, Chris	Atl	2	12	6.0	9	0
Irvin, Ken	NO TP	2	10	5.0	10	0
Barber, Ronde	TB A+I	2 2	9	4.5	9	0
Buchanan, Ray	Atl Ari	2	9	4.5	7	0
Lassiter, Kwamie Cousin, Terry	Car	2	4	3.5	4	0
Hill, Renaldo	Ari	2	4	2.0	3	0
	Ari	2	3	1.5	3	0
Starks, Duane	All					

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RECORDS

Number: 82, MarTay Jenkins, Arizona (2000) Yards: 2,186, MarTay Jenkins, Arizona (2000) Longest TD: 106 yards, Al Carmichael, Green Bay (1956); Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)

Touchdowns: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967); Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

20+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	Ш
Jenkins, MarTay	Ari	20	559	28.0	95t	1
Mitchell, Brian	Phi	43	1162	27.0	57	0
Drummond, Eddie	Det	40	1039	26.0	91	0
Lewis, Michael	NO	70	1807	25.8	97t	2
Stecker, Aaron	TB	37	934	25.2	67	0
Swinton, Reggie	Dal	28	697	24.9	100t	1
Betts, Ladell	Was	28	690	24.6	60	0
Morris, Maurice	Sea	34	821	24.1	97t	1
Kasper, Kevin	Den-Sea-Ari	55	1300	23.6	56	0
Joyce, Delvin	NYG	33	776	23.5	46	0
Merritt, Ahmad	Chi	45	1029	22.9	63	0
Wilkins, Terrence	StL	47	1074	22.9	42	0
Howard, Desmond	Det	26	587	22.6	70	0
Dantzler, Woody	Dal	27	602	22.3	84t	1
Walker, Javon	GB	35	769	22.0	55	0
Rossum, Allen	Atl	53	1164	22.0	91t	1
Smith, Steve	Car	26	571	22.0	51	0
Williams, Jimmy	SF	35	765	21.9	50	0

RECORDS

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979) Yards: 875, Desmond Howard, Green Bay (1996) Longest: 103, Robert Bailey, L.A. Rams (1994) Touchdowns: 4, Jack Christansen, Detroit (1951)

17+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Williams, Jimmy	SF	20	8	336	16.8	89t	1
Lewis, Michael	NO	44	6	625	14.2	83t	1
Mitchell, Brian	Phi	46	11	567	12.3	76t	1
Rossum, Allen	Atl	24	10	288	12.0	36	0
Engram, Bobby	Sea	21	23	224	10.7	61t	1
Johnson, Leon	Chi	28	10	288	10.3	30	0
Green, Jacquez	Was	17	9	174	10.2	90t	1
Bailey, Champ	Was	24	4	238	9.9	39	0
Wilkins, Terrence	StL	25	13	242	9.7	55	0
Williams, Karl	TB	43	20	410	9.5	56t	1
Smith, Steve	Car	55	13	470	8.5	87t	2
Joyce, Delvin	NYG	25	18	210	8.4	37	0
Davis, Nick	Min	24	18	190	7.9	57	0
Drummond, Eddie	Det	18	8	138	7.7	73t	1
Swinton, Reggie	Dal	19	9	141	7.4	26	0
Jackson, Arnold	Ari	31	4	182	5.9	22	0
Gordon, Darrien	GB	35	9	180	5.1	27	0

RECORDS

Number: 22.5, Michael Strahan, N.Y. Giants (2001)

5.5+ SACKS	TEAM	NO		TEAM	NO
Rice, Simeon	TB	15.5	Grant, Charles	NO	7.0
Carter, Andre	SF	12.5	Jenkins, Kris	Car	7.0
Douglas, Hugh	Phi	12.5	Johnson, Ellis	Atl	7.0
Gbaja-Biamila, K.	GB	12.0	Johnstone, Lance	Min	7.0
Little, Leonard	StL	12.0	Randle, John	Sea	7.0
Peppers, Julius	Car	12.0	Edwards, Kalimba	Det	6.5
Arrington, LaVar	Was	11.0	Glover, La'Roi	Dal	6.5
Strahan, Michael	NYG	11.0	Rogers, Sam	Atl	6.5
Colvin, Rosevelt	Chi	10.5	Smith, Brady	Atl	6.5
Kerney, Patrick	Atl	10.5	Brown, Chad	Sea	6.0
Rucker, Mike	Car	10.0	Holliday, Vonnie	GB	6.0
Smith, Bruce	Was	9.0	Okeafor, Chike	SF	6.0
Holmes, Kenny	NYG	8.0	Whiting, Brandon	Phi	6.0
Howard, Darren	NO	8.0	Daniels, Phillip	Chi	5.5
Kalu, N.D.	Phi	8.0	Hovan, Chris	Min	5.5
Ellis, Greg	Dal	7.5	Hunt, Cletidus	GB	5.5
Fields, Mark	Car	7.5	Jackson, Grady	NO	5.5
Sapp, Warren	TB	7.5	Porcher, Robert	Det	5.5
Walker, Darwin	Phi	7.5	Wyms, Ellis	TB	5.5

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NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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TELEVISED PRESEASON GAMES

Saturday, Aug. 2		
American Bowl (Tokyo)		
N.Y. Jets vs. Tampa Bay	TBA	ESPN
Monday, Aug. 4		
Hall of Fame Game (Canton, Oh	io)	
Green Bay vs. Kansas City	8:00	ABC
Thursday, Aug. 7		
N.Y. Giants at New England	8:00	ESPN

Monday	y, Aug. 11			
Philade	lphia at New Orleans	8:00	ESPN	
Thursda	ay, Aug. 14			
Oakland	l at San Francisco	8:00	FOX	
Friday,	Aug. 15			
Green B	ay at Cleveland	8:00	CBS	
Saturda	ay, Aug. 16			
Buffalo	at Tennessee	8:00	ESPN	

Monday, Aug. 18		
Tampa Bay at St. Louis	8:00	ABC
Thursday, Aug. 21		
Dallas at Pittsburgh	8:00	FOX
Friday, Aug. 22		
Atlanta at Miami	8:00	CBS
Monday, Aug. 25		
Indianapolis at Denver	8:00	ABC

REGULAR SEASON GAMES

Thursday, Sept. 4	
N.Y. Jets at Washington	9:00
Sunday, Sept. 7	
Arizona at Detroit	1:00
Baltimore at Pittsburgh	1:00
Denver at Cincinnati	1:00
Houston at Miami	1:00
Indianapolis at Cleveland	1:00
Jacksonville at Carolina	1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay	1:00
New England at Buffalo	1:00
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Atlanta at Dallas	4:15
Chicago at San Francisco	4:15
New Orleans at Seattle	4:15
Oakland at Tennessee	8:30
Monday, Sept. 8	
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia	9:00

WEEK 2	
Sunday, Sept. 14	
Buffalo at Jacksonville	1:00
Cleveland at Baltimore	1:00
Detroit at Green Bay	1:00
Houston at New Orleans	1:00
Miami at N.Y. Jets	1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City	1:00
San Francisco at St. Louis	1:00
Tennessee at Indianapolis	1:00
Washington at Atlanta	1:00
Carolina at Tampa Bay	4:05
Seattle at Arizona	4:05
Cincinnati at Oakland	4:15
Denver at San Diego	4:15
New England at Philadelphia	4:15
Chicago at Minnesota	8:30
Monday, Sept. 15	
Dallas at N.Y. Giants	9:00

(Open date: Carolina, Chi	cago,
Dallas, Philadelphia)	
Sunday, Sept. 21	
Jacksonville at Indianapolis	1:00
Kansas City at Houston	1:00
Minnesota at Detroit	1:00
New Orleans at Tennessee	1:00
N.Y. Jets at New England	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	1:00
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	1:00
Green Bay at Arizona	4:05
N.Y. Giants at Washington	4:05
St. Louis at Seattle	4:05
Baltimore at San Diego	4:15

Baltimore at San Diego	4:15
Cleveland at San Francisco	4:15
Buffalo at Miami	8:30
Monday, Sept. 22	
Oakland at Denver	9:00

WEEK 4 (Open date: Miami, N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tampa Bay)

Sunday, Sept. 28	
Arizona at St. Louis	1:00
Atlanta at Carolina	1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
Jacksonville at Houston	1:00
Kansas City at Baltimore	1:00
New England at Washington	1:00
Philadelphia at Buffalo	1:00
San Francisco at Minnesota	1:00
Tennessee at Pittsburgh	1:00
San Diego at Oakland	4:05
Dallas at N.Y. Jets	4:15
Detroit at Denver	4:15
Indianapolis at New Orleans	8:30

Monday, Sept. 29	
Green Bay at Chicago	9:0

WEEK 5 (Open date: Baltimore, Houston, N.Y. Jets, St. Louis)

Sunday, Oct. 5	
Arizona at Dallas	1:00
Cincinnati at Buffalo	1:00
Denver at Kansas City	1:00
Miami at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Minnesota at Atlanta	1:00
New Orleans at Carolina	1:00
Oakland at Chicago	1:00
Seattle at Green Bay	1:00
Tennessee at New England	1:00
San Diego at Jacksonville	4:05
Detroit at San Francisco	4:15
Washington at Philadelphia	4:15
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	8:30

Monday, Oct. 6	
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay	9:0

WEEK 6

(Open date: Cincinnati, Detroit, Minnesota, San Diego)

Sunday, Oct. 12	1.00
Carolina at Indianapolis	1:00
Chicago at New Orleans	1:00
Houston at Tennessee	1:00
Kansas City at Green Bay	1:00
Miami at Jacksonville	1:00
N.Y. Giants at New England	1:00
Oakland at Cleveland	1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00
Tampa Bay at Washington	1:00
Baltimore at Arizona	4:15
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets	4:15
Pittsburgh at Denver	4:15
San Francisco at Seattle	8:30

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Jacksonville, Pittsburgh)

Sunday, Oct. 19	
Baltimore at Cincinnati	1:00
Dallas at Detroit	1:00
Denver at Minnesota	1:00
Green Bay at St. Louis	1:00
New England at Miami	1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants	1:00
San Diego at Cleveland	1:00
Tennessee at Carolina	1:00
Washington at Buffalo	1:00
N.Y. Jets at Houston	4:05
Chicago at Seattle	4:15
Tampa Bay at San Francisco	4:15

Monday, Oct. 20	
Kansas City at Oakland	9:00

WEEK 8

(Open date: Atlanta, Green Bay, Oakland Washington)

Oakiana, washington	,
Sunday, Oct. 26	
Carolina at New Orleans	1:00
Cleveland at New England	1:00
Dallas at Tampa Bay	1:00
Denver at Baltimore	1:00
Detroit at Chicago	1:00
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota	1:00
Seattle at Cincinnati	1:00
St. Louis at Pittsburgh	1:00
Tennessee at Jacksonville	1:00
San Francisco at Arizona	4:05
Houston at Indianapolis	4:15
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia	4:15
Buffalo at Kansas City	8:30

Monday, Oct. 27 Miami at San Diego 9:00

WEEK 9

(Open date: Buffalo, Cleveland, Kansas City, Tennessee)

Sunday, Nov. 2	
Carolina at Houston	1:00
Indianapolis at Miami	1:00
Jacksonville at Baltimore	1:00
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	1:00
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets	1:00
Oakland at Detroit	1:00
San Diego at Chicago	1:00
Washington at Dallas	1:00
Cincinnati at Arizona	4:05
Pittsburgh at Seattle	4:05
Philadelphia at Atlanta	4:15
St. Louis at San Francisco	4:15
Green Bay at Minnesota	8:30

Monday, Nov. 3 New England at Denver 9:00

WEEK 10

(Open date: Denver, New England, New Orleans, San Francisco)

Sunday, Nov. 9	
Arizona at Pittsburgh	1:00
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Cleveland at Kansas City	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	1:00
Miami at Tennessee	1:00
Seattle at Washington	1:00
Tampa Bay at Carolina	1:00
Minnesota at San Diego	4:05
Buffalo at Dallas	4:15
N.Y. Jets at Oakland	4:15
Baltimore at St. Louis	8:30
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Monday, Nov. 10	
Philadelphia at Green Bay	9:00

WEEK 11

Sunday, Nov. 16	
Arizona at Cleveland	1:00
Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00
Baltimore at Miami	1:00
Houston at Buffalo	1:00
Jacksonville at Tennessee	1:00
Kansas City at Cincinnati	1:00
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
St. Louis at Chicago	1:00
Washington at Carolina	1:00
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis	4:05
San Diego at Denver	4:05
Detroit at Seattle	4:15
Green Bay at Tampa Bay	4:15
Minnesota at Oakland	4:15
Dallas at New England	8:30
Monday, Nov. 17	

WEEK 12

Atlanta at St. Louis

Sunday, Nov. 23	
Carolina at Dallas	1:00
Detroit at Minnesota	1:00
Indianapolis at Buffalo	1:00
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets	1:00
New England at Houston	1:00
New Orleans at Philadelphia	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
Seattle at Baltimore	1:00
San Francisco at Green Bay	1:00
Chicago at Denver	4:05
St. Louis at Arizona	4:05
Cincinnati at San Diego	4:15
Oakland at Kansas City	4:15
Tennessee at Atlanta	4:15
Washington at Miami	8:30
Monday, Nov. 24	
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay	9:00

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Thursday, Nov. 27	
	12:30
Miami at Dallas	4:05
Sunday, Nov. 30	4.03
	1.00
Arizona at Chicago	1:00
Atlanta at Houston	1:00
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	1:00
Minnesota at St. Louis	1:00
New England at Indianapolis	1:00
Philadelphia at Carolina	1:00
San Francisco at Baltimore	1:00
New Orleans at Washington	4:05
Cleveland at Seattle	4:15
Denver at Oakland	4:15
Kansas City at San Diego	4:15
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville	8:30

WEEK 14

Sunday, Dec. 7	
Chicago at Green Bay	1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore	1:00
Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00
Houston at Jacksonville	1:00
Indianapolis at Tennessee	1:00
Oakland at Pittsburgh	1:00
San Diego at Detroit	1:00
Seattle at Minnesota	1:00
Tampa Bay at New Orleans	1:00
Washington at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Arizona at San Francisco	4:05
Kansas City at Denver	4:15
Miami at New England	4:15
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo	4:15
Carolina at Atlanta	8:30
Monday, Dec. 8	

WEEK 15

Sunday, Dec. 14	
Atlanta at Indianapolis	1:00
Buffalo at Tennessee	1:00
Dallas at Washington	1:00
Detroit at Kansas City	1:00
Houston at Tampa Bay	1:00
Jacksonville at New England	1:00
Minnesota at Chicago	1:00
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets	1:00
Seattle at St. Louis	1:00
San Francisco at Cincinnati	1:00
Baltimore at Oakland	4:05
Cleveland at Denver	4:05
Carolina at Arizona	4:15
Green Bay at San Diego	4:15
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans	8:30
Monday, Dec. 15	
Philadelphia at Miami	9:00

WEEK 16

WEEK 10			
	Saturday, Dec. 20		
	Atlanta at Tampa Bay	1:30	
	Kansas City at Minnesota	5:00	
	New England at N.Y. Jets	8:30	
	Sunday, Dec. 21		
	Baltimore at Cleveland	1:00	
	Cincinnati at St. Louis	1:00	
	Detroit at Carolina	1:00	
	Miami at Buffalo	1:00	
	New Orleans at Jacksonville	1:00	
	N.Y. Giants at Dallas	1:00	
	Tennessee at Houston	1:00	
	Washington at Chicago	1:00	
	San Diego at Pittsburgh	4:05	
	Arizona at Seattle	4:15	
	San Francisco at Philadelphia	4:15	
	Denver at Indianapolis	8:30	
	Monday, Dec. 22		
	Green Bay at Oakland	9:00	

WEEK 17

Pittsburgh at San Francisco 9:00

WEEK 17						
Saturday, Dec. 27						
Buffalo at New England	1:30					
Seattle at San Francisco	5:00					
Philadelphia at Washington	8:30					
Sunday, Dec. 28						
Chicago at Kansas City	1:00					
Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00					
Dallas at New Orleans	1:00					
Indianapolis at Houston	1:00					
Jacksonville at Atlanta	1:00					
N.Y. Jets at Miami	1:00					
St. Louis at Detroit	1:00					
Tampa Bay at Tennessee	1:00					
Carolina at N.Y. Giants	4:05					
Minnesota at Arizona	4:05					
Denver at Green Bay	4:15					
Oakland at San Diego	4:15					
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	8:30					

POSTSEASON GAMES

Wild Card Games Sat.-Sun., Jan. 3-4, 2004

Divisional Playoffs Sat.-Sun., Jan. 10-11, 2004

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004

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Monday, Dec. 1

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets





St. Louis at Cleveland



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